

Listed below are bills that CAPH is monitoring closely this year. Throughout the document CAPH top priority bills are noted, which include: *SB 1108 (Hernandez) Medicaid Waiver/Work Requirement*; *AB 2965 (Arambula) and SB 974 (Lara) Medi-Cal Coverage Expansion*; *SB 906 (Beall) Medi-Cal Mental Health: Family Support*; and *SB 1152 (Hernandez) Homeless Discharge*. A few bills CAPH was tracking did not make it past the Appropriations Suspense hearing or did not obtain enough floor votes, in their respective houses. Bills that are moving forward will now be heard in policy committee in the opposite chamber.

### CAPH 2018 Priority Legislation

Bill Number	Author	Summary	CAPH Position
<b>Medi-Cal</b>			
AB 2275	Arambula	Health Disparities-  AB 2275 would require the Department of Health Care Services to establish a quality assessment and performance improvement program for all Medi-Cal managed care plans, through which the plans would be required to meet annual improvements in quality measures and reduction of health disparities. Requires the department to require the plans to track the trend quality measures by specified demographic categories.	Support.
SB 1108	Hernandez	Medicaid Waiver/Work Requirements- <b>Top Priority.</b>  This bill would prohibit the department from seeking or obtaining a Medicaid demonstration project or waiver to require work or community engagement activities as a condition of Medi-Cal eligibility or coverage, to require waiting periods, time limits, or coverage lockouts, as specified, or to require any other condition of Medi-Cal eligibility or coverage not authorized by any other provision of state law or federal statute or regulation.	Concerns.

SB 1125	Atkins	<p>FQHC Reimbursement-</p> <p>Authorizes reimbursement for a maximum of 2 visits, under the Medi-Cal program, taking place on the same day at a single location if after the first visit the patient suffers illness or injury requiring additional diagnosis or treatment, or if the patient has a medical visit and another health visit, as defined.</p>	Support.
<b>Coverage</b>			
AB 2430	Arambula	<p>Expanded Eligibility for Aged and Disabled-</p> <p>Expands Medi-Cal eligibility for aged and disabled beneficiaries from 100% to 138% of FPL.</p>	Support.
AB 2517	Wood	<p>Universal Coverage Advisory Panel</p> <p>Establishes the Advisory Panel on Health Care Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage in the California Health and Human Services Agency. Requires the advisory panel to develop a plan to achieve universal coverage and a unified publicly financed health care system.</p>	
AB 2965 (Arambula) and SB 974 (Lara)	Asm. Arambula and Sen. Lara	<p>Coverage Expansion- <b>Top Priority.</b></p> <p>AB 2965 would extend full scope Medi-Cal to all individuals up to age 25 that would otherwise be eligible for Medi-Cal except for their immigration status; SB 974 parallels AB 2965 except it covers persons age 65 and over.</p>	Exploring a support position.
<b>Cost Containment &amp; Rate Setting</b>			
AB 2502	Wood	<p>Payment Database-</p> <p>Requires the Secretary to establish, implement and administer a Health Care Payments Database with information on utilization and pricing data, as well as demographic/social data, from health plans, insurers, providers, suppliers.</p>	

Behavioral Health			
AB 2112	Santiago	<p>Federal Grant for Crisis Response-</p> <p>AB 2112 would require the State Department of Health Care Services to develop and submit a grant to develop a behavioral health community-based crisis response plan and requires the grant application to include, at a minimum, a plan for specified objectives. Requires the department to confer with specified stakeholders in developing its grant proposal and application.</p>	
SB 906	Beall	<p>Medi-Cal: Mental Health Services: Family Support- <b>Top Priority.</b></p> <p>SB 906 would establish a statewide peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification program, as part of the state's comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder delivery system and the Medi-Cal program.</p>	Support.
SB 944	Hertzberg	<p>Community Paramedicine-</p> <p>Gives local EMS agencies authority to develop community paramedicine program under which community paramedics may provide additional services than emergency, defined as short-term post discharge follow up, tuberculosis treatment, frequent user case management, home hospice services, and transporting to alternative (behavioral health) facilities.</p>	

Homelessness & Housing			
SB 1010	Beall	<p>Supportive Housing-</p> <p>Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on or before 1/1/2020, to create the Supportive Housing Pilot Program, which would establish a process and timeline for finalizing a memorandum of understanding with one or more counties in which the department would agree to use current funding to, among other things, refer eligible parolees to participating counties for mental health treatment, housing navigation services for supportive housing services to use remaining resources, as specified.</p>	
SB 1045	Weiner	<p>Conservatorships-</p> <p>SB 1045 would allow the counties of San Francisco and Los Angeles, only, expand conservatorships to better meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals who suffer from chronic homelessness accompanied by severe mental illness, drug addiction, repeated commitments, or exceptionally frequent use of emergency medical services.</p>	
SB 1152	Hernandez	<p>Homeless Discharge- <b>Top Priority.</b></p> <p>SB 1152 would require health facilities to include within the hospital discharge policy, a written homeless patient discharge planning policy and process. The bill would require the health facilities to develop a written plan for coordinating services and referrals for homeless patients including procedures for homeless patient discharge referrals, designated liaisons at each participating entity, and coordination protocols.</p>	Concerns.

<b>Foster Care</b>			
AB 2043	Arambula	<p>Urgent Response-</p> <p>Requires all county child welfare, probation, and behavioral health agencies to establish Family Urgent Response System with mobile response and stabilization team services for caregivers, current or former foster youth experiencing crisis, by January 1, 2020; state DSS to establish statewide hotline as entry point into these systems.</p>	
AB 2083	Cooley	<p>Continuum of Care Reform-</p> <p>States intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would build upon the current Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) implementation effort by developing a coordinated and trauma-informed system-of-care approach to better provide care for foster youth, requiring specified agencies to develop and implement local memoranda of understanding to provide care management coordination for child welfare-involved children, youth, and families, and establishing a joint state interagency resolution team.</p>	
<b>Facilities</b>			
SB 1288	Leyva	<p>Nurse Staffing Ratios-</p> <p>Requires state periodic inspections of the of health facilities to include reviews of compliance with the nurse-to-patient ratios and staff assignment regulations. Requires the State Department of Public Health to ensure that these inspections are not announced in advance of the date of inspections. The bill also increases penalties for violations.</p>	