CAPH 2018 Priority Legislation

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| Bill Number | Author | Summary |
| AB 2965 | Arambula | Coverage Expansion-  AB 2965 would extend full scope Medi-Cal to all individuals that would otherwise be eligible for Medi-Cal except for their immigration status. |
| AB 3087 | Kalra | Health Care Costs and Outcomes-  Creates the State Health Care Cost, Quality, and Equity Commission, an independent state agency, to control in state health care costs and set the amounts accepted as payment by health plans, hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers. Provides that funding for the Commission would be provided from specified funds. Requires the Commission to annually determine the base amounts that health care entities are required to accept as full payment for health care service. Provides certain exemptions. |
| SB 906 | Beall | Medi-Cal: Mental Health Services: Family Support-  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 abuse disorder delivery system and the Medi-Cal program. |
| SB 974 | Lara | Coverage Expansion-  SB 974 would extend full scope Medi-Cal to all individuals that would otherwise be eligible for Medi-Cal except for their immigration status. |
| SB 1108 | Hernandez | Medicaid Waiver-  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. |
| SB 1152 | Hernandez | Homeless Discharge-  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 |
| AB 1795 | Gibson | Mental Health/Community Care Facilities-  AB 1795 would authorize a local emergency medical services agency to submit, as part of its emergency services plan, a plan to transport specified patients to a community care facility in lieu of transportation to a general acute care hospital. |
| AB 2029 | Garcia | Federally Qualified Health Clinics, Rural Health Clinic, & 340B-  Authorizes a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic to apply for a rate adjustment for the adoption, implementation, or upgrade of a certified electronic health record system as a change in the scope of services. Requires an FQHC to participate in the 340B Drug Pricing Program. Requires the Department of Health Care Services to maintain the 340B discount program for purposes of maximizing FQHC funding opportunities. |
| AB 2112 | Santiago | Federal Grant for Crisis Response-  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. |
| AB 2161 | Chiu | Housing: Homeless Integrated Data Warehouse-  AB 2161 would direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a state homeless integrated data warehouse, in coordination with the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, to develop a composite portrayal of the homeless population in the state and the services provided to this population or to those at risk of becoming homeless. |
| AB 2193 | Maienschen | Maternal Mental Health-  AB 2193 would make it the duty of licensed health care practitioners who treat or attend the mother or child, or both, to screen the mother for maternal mental health conditions at least once during pregnancy and once during the postpartum period and to report the findings of the screening to the mother's primary care physician if the health care practitioner is not the mother's primary care physician. |
| AB 2203 | Gray | Primary Care Provider Rates-  AB 2203 would raise the basic Medi-Cal rate for primary care services to 100% of the Medicare rate for the same service.  This increase has been a goal for some time to better value primary care, and potentially increase the pool of PCPs taking Medi-Cal. |
| 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. |
| AB 2393 | Health Cmt | Mental Health-  AB 2393 would prohibit a county from charging fees for Medi-Cal specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who do not have a share of cost and Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have met their share of cost, and would authorize a county to charge fees to individuals who are not Medi-Cal beneficiaries and Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have a share of cost that has not been met, in accordance with the patient's ability to pay for community mental health services rendered, but not in excess of actual costs. |
| AB 2472 | Wood | Medi-Cal Buy-In-  Requires the State Department of Health Care Services to apply to the federal Department of Health and Human Services for federal waivers to permit individuals whose income is greater than the income eligibility threshold for Medi-Cal benefits to purchase coverage under the Medi-Cal program through a separate public purchase option. |
| AB 2565 | Chiu | Health Care Coverage: Premium Tax Credit-  Requires the board governing Covered California to offer enhanced premium assistance to individuals who enroll in health care coverage through Covered California and who, under federal law, would be eligible for premium tax subsidies. |
| AB 2566 | Chiu | Health Care Costs and Outcomes-  Expresses the intent of Legislature to enact legislation that could control health care costs, improve health outcomes, and reduce health disparities. |
| AB 2843 | Gloria | Mental Health Services Fund-  AB 2843 would require a county that receives reallocated funds from the Mental Health Services Fund to spend those funds within two years of adopting an expenditure plan for those funds. States the intent of the Legislature that any funds not expended by a county within those two years would revert to the Mental Health Services Fund to be redistributed to cities with the county. |
| SB 1045 | Weiner | Conservatorships-  SB 1045 would 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 |