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Bill Number/Author	Content Summary	Status	DPH Section
AB 43/Monning	This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to establish eligibility requirements for Medi-Cal benefits for newly eligible beneficiaries by January 1, 2014.	08/27/12 Senate Inactive File	Finance OPP
AB 52/Feuer	This bill would require a health care service plan or health insurer that issues individual or group contracts or policies to file with the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) or the Department of Insurance (DoI) a complete rate application for any proposed rate or rate change, and would prohibit DMHC or DoI from approving any rate or rate change that is found to be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.	09/01/11 Senate Inactive File	Finance OPP
AB 62/Monning	This bill would authorize the Department of Health Care Services to establish pilot projects for the Medi-Cal/Medicare dually eligible population responsive to an RFP from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	08/22/11 Senate – Held at Desk	Healthy SF OPP
AB 70/Monning	This bill would allow the California Department of Public Health to enter into agreement with other eligible applicants as the lead agency for purposes of funding opportunities.	06/14/12 Senate Health	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 154/Beall	This bill would expand the coverage requirement for “severe mental illness” for health service plans and insurance policies issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2013, to include the diagnosis and treatment of a mental illness of a person of any age and would define mental illness for this purpose as a mental disorder defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV, including substance abuse.	06/27/12 Senate Health Failed Passage – Recon. Granted	CBHS (CADPAAC sponsored)
AB 174/Monning	This bill would establish the California Health and Human Services Automation Fund within the State Treasury and would, upon legislative appropriation, expend moneys deposited into the fund for health and human services programs automation.	09/30/12 Chapter 815, Statutes of 2012	Finance
AB 217/Carter	This bill would delete the current exception for patient smoking areas in long-term health care facilities, thereby making those	09/27/12 Vetoed^	LHH Health Promotion &

	areas subject to the workplace smoking prohibition.		Prevention
AB 272/Monning	This bill would authorize the California Health Facilities Financing Authority to award grants not to exceed \$1,500,000 to a project designed to demonstrate new or enhanced methods of delivering health care services.	07/05/12 Senate Inactive File	Finance SFGH
AB 375/Skinner	This bill would provide that acute care hospital employees who provide direct patient care, that the term “injury” include a blood-borne infectious disease or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) that develops or manifests during the person’s employment with the hospital.	09/09/11 Senate – Refused Passage	SFGH
AB 403/Campos	This bill would include the adoption of a drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium by the State Department of Public Health among the proposed regulations relating to maximum contaminant levels for primary or secondary water standards that are subject to a review by the Department of Finance of not more than 90 days.	08/24/12 Amended to non-relevant content	EHS
AB 439/Skinner	This bill would specify that in an action brought for negligent release of confidential medical information as of 1/1/13, a court may not award nominal damages if the defendant establishes that it is a covered entity and has complied with any obligations to notify persons entitled to receive notice regarding the release of the information unless it is a second or subsequent negligent release within 36 months.	09/22/12 Chapter 437, Statutes of 2012	COPC SFGH
AB 441/Monning	This bill would require that the California Transportation Commission to attach a summary of the policies, practices, or projects that have been employed by metropolitan planning organizations that promote health and health equity to the commission’s next revision of regional transportation planning guidelines.	09/19/12 Chapter 365, Statutes of 2012	EHS Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 472/Ammiano	This bill would provide that it not be a crime for a person who experiences a drug-related overdose, who, in good faith seeks medical assistance or for another person who, in good faith, seeks medical attention for a person experiencing a drug-related overdose, to be under the influence of or to possess, for personal use, a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.	09/17/12 Chapter 338, Statutes of 2012	CBHS

AB 491/Portantino	This bill would delete a provision in existing law requiring that a patient sign a consent form for HIV testing, instead allowing for oral consent, but require written information on HIV care for patients testing positive.	07/06/12 Amended to non-relevant content	HIV Prevention
AB 510/Lowenthal	This bill would exempt specified CT studies from being required to record the dose of radiation on every study for accredited facilities, and would authorize a facility with an accredited machine to elect not to annually verify the displayed dose of radiation.	07/13/12 Chapter 106, Statutes of 2012	SFGH
AB 540/Beall+	This bill would establish the Medi-Cal Alcohol and Drug Screening & Brief Intervention Services (SBIS) Program to allow local funds to draw down federal funds via CPE to provide SBIS to pregnant Medi-Cal beneficiaries and require participating entities to reimburse state administration costs.	09/29/12 Vetoed^	CBHS
AB 695/Norby	This bill would exempt motorcycle drivers age 21 or older who has completed a motorcyclist safety training program or has a valid M1 license for two or more years from the requirement to wear a safety helmet.	01/10/12 Assembly Transportation	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 714/Atkins	This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to disclose information on the California Health Benefit Exchange to every individual who ceases to be enrolled in a public coverage program.	08/25/11 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	Finance OPP
AB 727/Mitchell	This bill would require the State Department of General Services to develop nutrition standards and sustainable purchasing practices in consultation with the State Department of Public Health for all food purchased by State departments, including food sold in vending machines on State property.	08/25/11 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	EHS/Food Program Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 792/Bonilla	This bill would require health plans to disclose information on the CA Health Benefit Exchange upon divorce, legal separation, or adoption.	09/30/12 Chapter 851, Statutes of 2012	Finance OPP
AB 826/ Swanson	This bill would re-enact the Medi-Cal managed care plan tax (MCO) until 7/1/14, and direct the funding to the Healthy Families Program while repealing the transfer of Healthy Families members into Medi-Cal.	08/27/12 Senate Third Reading	Finance OPP
AB 828/Swanson	This bill would provide that a person convicted of a drug felony	06/13/12	CBHS

	shall be eligible for aid under CalFresh, provided that certain conditions are met.	Senate Appropriations	
AB 889/Ammiano+	This bill would require the Department of Industrial Relations to adopt regulations governing the working conditions of domestic work employees by 1/1/14.	09/30/12 Vetoed^	EHS
AB 916/V.M. Perez	This bill would require all federally qualified health centers operated by a county to file an OSHPD report starting in 2015.	08/22/12 Amended to non-relevant content	COPC
AB 972/Butler	This bill would revise the definition of an alcohol or drug treatment facility to include a facility that provides a medical program exclusively to its residents and is accredited by a national accrediting organization.	06/13/12 Amended to non-relevant content	CBHS
AB 1083/Monning	This bill would prohibit health plans and carriers from imposing any pre-existing condition prohibition on an individual effective 1/1/14 and would enact provisions consistent with the ACA.	09/29/12 Chapter 852, Statutes of 2012	Finance
AB 1167/Fong	This bill would create the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, specify membership, authorize it to act as the lead for planning the state's response to homelessness, and require the council to seek federal funding.	08/25/11 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	CBHS
AB 1223/Cte. on Veterans Affairs	This bill would remove the pilot project nature of the Public Assistance and Reporting Information System (PARIS), designed to identify veterans on Medi-Cal and assist them in obtaining federal veterans' health care benefits.	09/22/12 Vetoed^	Community Programs
AB 1245/Williams	This bill would authorize the EMSA to adopt regulations for the state approval of standards for an emergency medical responder course.	09/08/11 Held at Senate Desk	EMS
AB 1278/Hill	This bill would prohibit smoking in all areas of a general acute care hospital and throughout the entire hospital campus, and require general acute care hospitals to post specified signs and train employees on the smoking policy.	09/23/12 Vetoed^	Health Promotion & Prevention SFGH
AB 1301/Hill	This bill would remove the schedule for State Board of Equalization action in response to a violation of the STAKE Act and require the Board to suspend or revoke a retailer's license for a 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , or 5 <sup>th</sup> violation.	09/15/12 Chapter 335, Statutes of 2012	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1359/Skinner	This bill would require that, in accordance the county human	09/23/12	EHS/Food Program

	services agency provide CalFresh benefits on an expedited basis to certain households.	Chapter 468, Statutes of 2010	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1452/Hill	This bill would require a hospital or clinic at the time a child under 8 years of age is discharged to provide information on obtaining at low or no cost child passenger restraint systems.	08/27/12 Chapter 185, Statutes of 2012	Health Promotion & Prevention SFGH
AB 1453/Monning	This bill would establish the Kaiser Small Group HMO30 plan as the benchmark of essential health benefits under the ACA and prohibit treatment limits. Ties to SB 951.	09/30/12 Chapter 854, Statutes of 2012	CBHS COPC OPP
AB 1461/Monning	This bill would prohibit a health plan or insurance policy issued after January 1, 2014 from imposing a preexisting condition provision, would require a plan or insurer to sell all plans offered in the individual market to all individuals in each service area, and would authorize plans and insurers to use only age, geographic area, and family size to determine rates.	09/30/12 Vetoed^	OPP
AB 1469/Committee on Budget	This bill would modify the calculation of skilled nursing facility rates under the Medi-Cal Long Term Care Act rate methodology, and would extend the assessment of the skilled nursing uniform quality assurance fee, implementation of the rate methodology, and other provisions until 7/31/15.	08/23/12 Senate Budget & Fiscal Review	Finance LHH
AB 1512/Garrick	Spot bill on Medi-Cal.	01/13/12 Assembly	Finance OPP
AB 1513/Allen	This bill would require a retail food facility playground to be kept clean, operative, and in good repair; to produce upon request the maintenance policy and inspection records; and to post a sign prohibiting customers from taking food into the playground structures. Requires inspection by LEAs.	09/22/12 Vetoed^	EHS
AB 1526/Monning	This bill would authorize the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Fund to subsidize subscriber contributions for the period of 1/1/13 to 12/31/13.	09/30/12 Chapter 855, Statutes of 2012	OPP
AB 1532/J. Perez	This bill would require the finding in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund be used for specific purposes.	09/30/12 Chapter 807, Statutes of 2010	EHS
AB 1536/Miller	This bill would remove the prohibition from driving a motor vehicle while texting if using a voice-operated, hands-free electronic device.	07/13/12 Chapter 92, Statutes of 2012	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1553/Monning	This bill would permit a Medi-Cal beneficiary with a complex	06/25/12	Finance

	medical condition to receive fee-for-service Medi-Cal for 1 year instead of Medi-Cal managed care, unless enrolled in a county organized health system.	Senate Health	OPP
AB 1560/Fuentes	This bill would require the Department of Social Services to waive the gross income test for anyone categorically eligible for CalFresh who is a member of a household that receives or is eligible to receive Medi-Cal.	08/16/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1569/Allen	This bill would extend the authorization for Laura's Law to 1/1/19 and would require the Department of Mental health report be submitted by July 1, 2015.	09/22/12 Chapter 491, Statutes of 2012	CBHS
AB 1580/Bonilla	This bill would clarify provisions of AB 1296 (2011) relating to simplified applications for state health subsidy programs: 1) clarifying that granting presumptive eligibility is not intended to grant a right beyond what is currently required; and 2) clarifying that when the applicant appears eligible for Medi-Cal under the aged, blind, or disabled category, but is determined ineligible after a screening for the new Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI), the application will be sent to Medi-Cal for further determination.	09/30/12 Chapter 856, Statutes of 2012	Finance OPP
AB 1586/Garrick	Spot bill on Knox-Keene health plans.	02/07/12 Assembly	Finance OPP
AB 1594/Eng	This bill would require charter schools to provide each needy pupil with one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each school day.	9/29/12 Vetoed^	EHS/Food Program Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1616/Gatto	This bill would exempt cottage food operations from Sherman Law and California Retail Food Code requirements, would provide for local permitting of cottage food operations, and require they meet specified requirements related to sanitation, preparation, packaging, and labeling.	09/21/12 Chapter 415, Statutes of 2012	EHS/Food Program
AB 1629/Halderman	This bill would require DHCS to grant provisional Medi-Cal provider status to a provider practicing in a medically underserved area and if denied or provisional provider status is terminated would not be required to reimburse DHCS for Medi-Cal funds received during the provisional provider period.	04/24/12 Assembly Health	Finance OPP

AB 1632/Gordon	This bill would require the Department of Food and Agriculture to assist in organizing the marketing of community-supported agriculture.	03/12/12 Assembly Agriculture	EHS/Food Program
AB 1636/Monning	This bill would require the Department of Managed Health Care, Department of Insurance, Health Benefit Exchange, and State Department of Public Health to review and evaluate the effectiveness of incentive programs offered by health plans, to examine the extent to which they may result in discrimination, and to report to the legislature by 3/30/14.	08/16/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	OPP
AB 1640/Mitchell	This bill would require CalWORKs aid to be paid to a woman age 18 or under after verification of pregnancy regardless of eligibility for Cal-Learn.	09/29/12 Chapter 778, Statutes of 2012	MCAH
AB 1641/Lowenthal	This bill would require Knox-Keene health plans to provide coverage for durable medical equipment.	02/23/12 Assembly Health	MCAH/CCS
AB 1650/Portantino	This bill would require electric utilities to develop emergency preparedness plans as defined by the PUC in consultation with local cities and counties, and authorize cities and counties to designate a point of contact.	09/23/12 Chapter 472, Statutes of 2012	EMS
AB 1678/Monning	This bill would prohibit a mobile food facility from operating within 500 feet of a public elementary or secondary school between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm on weekdays when school is in session, with certain exceptions.	03/12/12 Assembly Health	EHS/Food Program Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1728/Galgiani	This bill would require inpatient hospital rates for state-funded health programs (CCS, Family PACT, Healthy Families, etc.) to be 90% of the Medi-Cal hospital interim rate.	05/25/12 Assembly Appropriations	Finance OPP SFGH
AB 1731/Block	This bill would require hospitals to offer parents of newborns pulse oximetry testing to identify critical congenital heart disease beginning 7/1/13 in a manner consistent with CDC guidelines.	09/15/12 Chapter 336, Statutes of 2012	SFGH
AB 1733/Logue	This bill would expand telehealth program reimbursement to all publicly supported health care service programs including PACE.	09/29/12 Chapter 782, Statutes of 2012	Finance OPP
AB 1738/Huffman	This bill would require Knox-Keene health plans to cover 2 courses of USPSTF "A" or "B" rated tobacco cessation in a 12-month period.	04/23/12 Assembly Health	Health Promotion & Prevention



AB 1746/Williams	This bill would restrict the sale of electrolyte replacement beverages in middle and high schools to specified times before and after school.	05/25/12 Assembly Suspense File Held Under Submission	EHS/Food Program Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1761/J. Perez	This bill would prohibit an individual or entity from claiming to provide services on behalf of the Health Benefit Exchange without a valid agreement with the Exchange to provide those services.	09/30/12 Chapter 876, Statutes of 2012	OPP
AB 1766/Bonilla	This bill would prohibit the Small Business Health Options Program from informing or screening an eligible employee for a premium tax credit, Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, or any other state or local public program.	04/17/12 Assembly Health	OPP
AB 1785/Lowenthal	This bill would include marriage and family therapists as covered health care professionals under the Medi-Cal program for FQHC reimbursement.	05/25/12 Assembly Suspense File Held Under Submission	CBHS Finance
AB 1792/Garrick	Spot bill on Medi-Cal.	02/22/12 Assembly	Finance OPP
AB 1793/Yamada	This bill would expand HPP funding availability to long-term care facilities and delete the 9/1/12 repeal date effective 1/1/12.	07/24/12 Chapter 166, Statutes of 2012	PHEPR
AB 1800/Ma	This bill would require health plans limit annual out-of-pocket expenses for all covered benefits, including prescription drugs.	08/16/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	Finance OPP
AB 1802/Pan	Intent legislation on transitional housing and Realignment.	02/22/12 Assembly	Finance
AB 1803/Mitchell	This bill would, for Medi-Cal fee-for-service beneficiaries, add emergency services and care necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition and medical care directly related to the emergency medical condition to the schedule of benefits.	09/22/12 Chapter 442, Statutes of 2012	Finance OPP
AB 1809/Monning	This bill would delete obsolete provisions of the Insurance Code related to drug and alcohol programs for children, and would	05/25/12 Assembly	CBHS



	require premium rebates for plans not meeting federally mandated medical loss ratios.	Suspense File Held Under Submission	
AB 1829/Bradford	This bill would require a school district participating in the federal School Breakfast program and the National School Lunch Program to disseminate specified information regarding the nutritional content of those meals to parents and pupils.	05/25/12 Assembly Suspense File Held Under Submission	EHS/Food Program Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1897/Campos	This bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and amend the guidelines to contain advice, developed with the Department of Food and Agriculture, for improving the health of Californians by increasing access to healthy affordable food.	06/28/12 Senate Governance & Finance	EHS/Food Program Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1907/Lowenthal	This bill would authorize the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to initiate involuntary medication only if a psychiatrist determines that the inmate is gravely disabled and does not have the capacity to refuse treatment, or is a danger to self or others, and requires CDCR to seek an ex-parte order to continue medication beyond 72 hours pending a full hearing.	09/30/12 Chapter 814, Statutes of 2012	CBHS Jail Health
AB 1915/Alejo	This bill would provide that up to 10% of Safe Routes to Schools program funds may be used to make infrastructure improvements, other than school bus shelters, that create safe routes to school bus stops located outside of the vicinity of schools.	09/27/12 Chapter 640, Statutes of 2012	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1943/Fletcher	Spot bill on EMS.	02/14/12 Assembly	EMS
AB 1944/Gatto	This bill would revise the procedures for EMT-P discipline to require determinations by the EMSA or an investigation by the EMT-P employer and a determination of disciplinary cause, before the authority may deny, suspend, or revoke a license, and would permit only an employer with physician oversight, including by contract, to conduct an investigation.	08/16/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	EMS
AB 1956/Portantino	This bill would expand the current Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program to serve sex trafficking victims or individuals engaged in prostitution who were tattooed for identification purposes.	09/29/12 Chapter 746, Statutes of 2012	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 1970/Skinner+	This bill would allow for greater use of information technology	08/16/12	Finance

	for program applications for the CalWORKs, and CalFresh, including authorizing applicants to access communications and notices electronically, and eliminate the requirement for a personal interview.	Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	OPP
AB 1983/Mansoor	This bill would require the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to issue a license for alcohol and drug recovery and treatment programs if eligibility criteria are met.	04/19/12 Assembly Health	CBHS
AB 2002/Cedillo*	This bill, for the purposes of assigning an eligible Medi-Cal beneficiary to a managed care plan when the beneficiary fails to select a plan, would redefine the term safety net provider to include additional types of clinics and medical care providers.	05/16/12 Assembly Appropriations	COPC Finance SFGH
AB 2007/Williams	This bill would establish certification and licensure provisions relating to alcohol and drug counselors to be administered by the State Department of Public Health, and would authorize the department to commence issuing these licenses and certificates on January 1, 2014.	04/09/12 Assembly Health	CBHS
AB 2009/Galgiani	This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to provide guidance to local agencies as to whether certain population groups have priority for the flu vaccine offered through the State. In the absence of CDPH guidance, local agencies would be required to follow CDC Advisory Committee on Practice guidelines. It would authorize CDPH to provide vaccine to local government or non-profit agencies.	09/22/12 Chapter 443, Statutes of 2012	CDCP/Immunization
AB 2031/Fuentes	This bill would add a rank-and-file deputy sheriff and a rank-and-file probation officer or deputy probation officer, to be appointed by a local labor organization, to the membership of a Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), require their votes on the local plan, and require CCPs to meet at least once per year.	09/30/12 Vetoed^	CBHS
AB 2064/VM Perez	This bill would require a Knox-Keene health plan providing coverage for childhood vaccines to reimburse a provider not less than the cost of acquiring and administering the vaccine.	05/25/12 Assembly Suspense File Held Under Submission	CDCP/Immunization
AB 2096/VM Perez*	This bill would require inclusion of designated and non-	04/23/12	Finance

	designated public hospitals in the Medi-Cal Hospital/Uninsured Care Demonstration Project.	Assembly Health	SFGH
AB 2109/Pan+	This bill would require for school admission that written documentation be provided regarding which required immunizations have been given and which have not been given on the basis that they are contrary to parent or guardian beliefs, and after 1/1/14, be accompanied by a State Department of Public Health prescribed form that includes a statement signed by a health care practitioner, indicating information was given regarding the benefits and risks of the immunization and the risks of communicable diseases.	09/30/12 Chapter 821, Statutes of 2012	CDCP/Immunization
AB 2127/Carter	This bill would authorize a sheriff or other official to permit a participant in a work release program to receive work release credit for participation in educational, vocational, substance abuse, life skills, or parenting programs.	09/29/12 Chapter 749, Statutes of 2012	CBHS Jail Health
AB 2134/Chesbro	This bill would require a county that elects to implement Laura's Law after 1/1/13 to provide services that are in response to a mental health crisis in accordance with best practices developed by the county, including but not limited to utilization of crisis intervention teams, mobile crisis teams, or psychiatric emergency response teams, with an emphasis on peer support.	06/27/12 Senate Health – Failed Passage, Recon. Granted	CBHS
AB 2157/Mansoor	Spot bill on California Safe Drinking Water Act.	02/14/12 Assembly	EHS/Water
AB 2204/Hernandez	This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to develop and utilize a health equity tool as part of the department's process for making evidence-based decisions regarding goals and objectives in the department's strategic plan.	04/23/12 Assembly Health	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 2206/Atkins	This bill would authorize persons eligible for PACE to disenroll from their managed care plan to enroll in PACE to receive their Medi-Cal and Medicare benefits.	09/22/12 Vetoed^	Finance OPP
AB 2212/Block	This bill would classify a building or placed used for the purpose of human trafficking as a public nuisance with half of the funds collected through civil penalties deposited in the Victim-Witness Assistance Fund and the other half paid to the city or county that brought the action.	09/17/12 Chapter 254, Statutes of 2012	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 2214/Monning	This bill would require the State Workforce Investment Board to	08/16/12	Human Resources

	establish the Health Workforce Development Council to help expand California's health workforce to provide access to quality health care and require CDPH licensees to report cultural background and languages spoken.	Senate Suspend File Held Under Submission	
AB 2246/J. Perez	This bill would require the California Health Food Financing Initiative Council to establish and maintain an Internet Web site by March 31, 2013, to include information on actions that the council has taken and funding sources that are available to support access to healthy foods.	09/22/12 Chapter 446, Statutes of 2012	EHS/Food Program Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 2253/Pan	This bill would authorize disclosure by Internet posting or other electronic means, except telephone, lab test results related to HIV antibodies, hepatitis antigens, drug use, or malignancy.	09/28/12 Chapter 698, Statutes of 2012	CBHS COPC HIV Prevention SFGH
AB 2261/Valadao	This bill would authorize a fee of \$5 for an inmate-initiated jail medical visit for any inmate incarcerated in city or county jail.	06/12/12 Senate Public Safety Failed Passage	Jail Health
AB 2266/Michell	This bill would authorize the Department of Health Care Services to establish health home program for enrollees with chronic conditions and require the department to provide evaluation findings to the legislature within two years after implementation.	08/29/12 Senate Inactive File	CBHS Healthy SF OPP
AB 2268/Eng	This bill would require state and local agencies to supplement place-based and regional funding strategies to improve the equitable distribution of public resources in funding community-based organizations providing health and human services and educational services.	04/16/12 Assembly Human Services	OPP
AB 2297/Hayashi	This bill would exclude from the definition of a retail food facility an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled with a capacity of 6 beds or fewer, and would require a facility for the developmentally disabled to notify the local health department and the State Department of Public Health within 24 hours of a foodborne illness or outbreak. Linked to AB 1616	09/28/12 Chapter 725, Statutes of 2012	EHS/Food Program

AB 2312/Ammiano	This bill would establish the Board of Medical Marijuana Enforcement to oversee the rights and obligations of medical marijuana facilities statewide.	06/25/12 Senate Business, Professions & Econ. Dev.	EHS
AB 2317/B. Berryhill	This bill would allow for use of 0.5 ppm ozone solution for sanitation of multiservice utensils and equipment under the California Retail Food Code.	03/15/12 Assembly Health	EHS/Food Program
AB 2365/Nestande	This bill would require a family court to consider, in determining the best interest of the child in custody proceedings, either parent's habitual or continual abuse of prescribed controlled substances.	09/07/12 Chapter 258, Statutes of 2012	CBHS
AB 2384/Bonilla	Spot bill on the women's interagency health task force.	02/27/12 Assembly	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 2392/J. Perez	This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to establish the Medi-Cal Patient-Centered Communication Program (CommuniCal) to provide medical interpretation services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are limited English proficient.	08/31/12 Assembly Inactive File	CBHS COPC SFGH
AB 2455/Campos	This bill would require a local agency in possession of personal identifying information that experiences a breach of security to notify the persons impacted that their personal data may have been acquired by an unauthorized person.	05/25/12 Assembly Suspense File Held Under Submission	CBHS/Medical Recs COPC/Medical Recs SFGH/Medical Recs Vital Records
AB 2465/Campos	This bill would make it mandatory for a qualified patient or caregiver to hold an identification card to engage in the medical use of marijuana.	04/17/12 Assembly Public Safety	EHS Vital Records
AB 2469/Grove	This bill would require an applicant for, or recipient of, CalWORKs cash aid to undergo drug testing on a periodic basis, as a condition of eligibility.	04/18/12 Assembly Human Services	CBHS
AB 2472/Butler & Lowenthal	Spot bill related to the primary care case management rates for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation.	05/25/12 Assembly Suspense File Held Under	COPC

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AB 2530/Atkins	This bill would prohibit an inmate who is known to be pregnant or in recovery after delivery, from being restrained by the use of leg irons, waist chains, or handcuffs behind the body.	Chapter 726, Statutes of 2012	Jail Health
AB 2545/Logue	This bill would require nonemergency medical transportation services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries by managed care organizations to be subject to the same requirements as those provided under fee-for-services.	04/18/12 Assembly Health	COPC SFGH
AB 2585/Nestande	This bill would change the current requirement for motor vehicle child passenger restraint from age 8 or under to age 6 or up to 60 pounds.	04/16/12 Assembly Transportation Failed Passage	Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 2586/Hueso	This bill would require the Department of Food and Agriculture to establish the California Healthy Choices Program to certify grocery stores that promote healthy food choices and require stores that apply for certification to pay a fee deposited into the California Healthy Choices Program Fund.	05/02/12 Assembly Agriculture	EHS/Food Program Health Promotion & Prevention
AB 2634/Garrick	Spot bill on Health and Human Services Agency contracting.	02/27/12 Assembly	Finance
SB 178/Simitian	This bill would authorize the Green Ribbon Science Panel to form subgroups to consider and report to the full panel and the department on specific priority topics identified by the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and would limit subgroup meetings to no more than 10 per year.	06/28/11 Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials	EHS
SB 210/Hancock	This bill would exclude women from denial of placement in the Community Prisoner Mother Program who are convicted of cultivating, processing, or selling marijuana.	06/25/12 Amended to non- relevant content	CBHS
SB 289/Hernandez	This bill would require DHCS to develop Medi-Cal inpatient hospital reimbursement based on diagnosis-related groups that reflects the costs and staffing associated with quality care in general acute care hospitals.	06/19/12 Amended to non- relevant content	Finance SFGH
SB 301/DeSaulnier	This bill would re-enact the Medi-Cal managed care plan tax (MCO) until 7/1/13, and direct the funding to the Healthy Families Program while repealing the transfer of Healthy	08/27/12 Assembly Health	Finance LHH OPP

	Families members into Medi-Cal. It would also extend the sunset on the Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) on skilled nursing facilities from 8/1/13 until 8/1/15, and revise how SNFs are reimbursed by the Medi-Cal program.		
SB 359/Hernandez	This bill would require food handlers to wash hands before donning gloves, prohibit single-use gloves from being washed for subsequent use, and prohibit a food handler with a lesion or open wound from handling food. Labeling requirement for trans-fat in mobile and temporary food facilities.	08/24/12 Amended to non-relevant content	EHS/Food Program
SB 393/Hernandez	This bill would establish the Patient-Centered Medical Home Act of 2011 and define “patient-centered medical home” and other terms.	09/30/12 Vetoed^	CBHS COPC Healthy SF
SB 535/De Leon	This bill would require the California EPA to identify disadvantaged communities for investment opportunities and require Department of Finance to allocate 25% of the available moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities and to allocate a minimum of 10% of the available moneys in the Fund to projects located within disadvantaged communities.	09/30/12 Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012	EHS
SB 575/DeSaulnier	This bill would extend the prohibition on smoking in the workplace to include owner operated businesses, hotel lobbies, bars & taverns, banquet rooms, warehouse facilities, private homes used as family day care, and employee break rooms.	06/28/12 Assembly Governmental Organizations	Health Promotion & Prevention
SB 594/Wolk**	This bill would recast the provisions for public health laboratory functions, to specify the duties of the local public health laboratories, to require CDPH to develop and administer written examinations for the certificate of public health microbiologist for public health laboratories, to require CDPH to adopt regulations related to certification and approval of training programs and continuing education requirements, and to define related terms. It would authorize CDPH to charge fees for certificates or continuing education.	03/01/12 Amended to non-relevant content	Health Officer Public Health Lab
SB 635/Hernandez	This bill would require that any funds over \$1 million collected	08/16/12	Human Resources



	through the Department of Managed Health Care fines and penalties be placed transferred to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act.	Assembly Suspense File Held Under Submission	
SB 659/Negrete McLeod	This bill would include tuberculosis screening in the immunization information sharing provisions with a state, local health department, health care provider, immunization information system, or any representative of an entity designated by federal or state law to receive this information for purposes of patient care and protecting public health.	09/07/12 Chapter 267, Statutes of 2012	Health Officer CDCP TB Control
SB 662/DeSaulnier	This bill would authorize the Department of Finance and any county to enter into a contract that would authorize the county to integrate public services realigned under 2011 Realignment.	06/28/11 Assembly Human Services	CBHS
SB 677/Hernandez	This bill would implement provisions of the ACA effective 1/1/14, including modifying provisions that income eligibility be determined based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI), prohibiting use of an asset or resources test for individuals whose financial eligibility for Medi-Cal is determined based on MAGI, and adding benefits and services included in the essential health benefits package to the schedule of Medi-Cal benefits.	08/29/12 Assembly Inactive File	Finance OPP
SB 678/Negrete McLeod	This bill would authorize counties to convene community corrections multidisciplinary teams engaged in providing community corrections supervision and evidence-based rehabilitation.	07/05/11 Assembly Public Safety	Jail Health
SB 694/Padilla	This bill would create the Statewide Office of Oral Health in CDPH with a licensed dentist as the dental director to develop a state oral health action plan to address unmet oral health needs. No General Fund to be used to support the Office with funding to be secured from other sources.	08/16/12 Assembly Suspense File Held Under Submission	Dental Health
SB 703/Hernandez+	This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to establish and permit enrollment in a basic health plan pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act effective January 1, 2014.	08/16/12 Assembly Suspense File Held Under Submission	OPP
SB 728/Hernandez	This bill would require the California Health Benefit Exchange	06/25/12	OPP

	to work with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, the Department of Insurance, and the Department of Managed Health Care to develop a risk adjustment system for products sold inside and outside of the Exchange.	Amended to non-relevant content	
SB 920/Hernandez	This bill would extend the sunset date of the Medi-Cal Hospital Provider Rate Improvement Act of 2011 to conform to the Private Hospital Quality Assurance Fee Act of 2011 and determine the allocation methodology.	09/22/12 Chapter 452, Statutes of 2012	Finance SFGH
SB 951/Hernandez	This bill would require an individual or small group health insurance policy issued after 1/1/14, to cover defined essential health benefits, prohibit treatment limits, specify that these provisions applies regardless of whether the plan or policy is offered inside or outside the Exchange, and prohibit a health care plan or health insurer, when offering, issuing, selling, or marketing a plan or policy, from indicating or implying that the plan or policy covers essential health benefits unless it covers essential health benefits as defined.	09/30/12 Chapter 866, Statutes of 2012	CBHS Finance Healthy SF OPP
SB 970/DeLeon+	This bill would provide for the transmittal to a county human services department of information about an applicant applying for or renewing health care coverage using the single state application to have information used simultaneously to apply for CalWORKs and CalFresh.	09/30/12 Vetoed^	Finance OPP
SB 1002/Yee+	This bill would require the State Chief Information Officer to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of providing electronic records in an open format and to provide a copy of the study to the legislature by 1/1/14.	09/28/12 Vetoed^	PIO
SB 1046/Cannella	Spot bill on 2011 Public Safety Realignment.	02/16/12 Senate	CBHS Finance
SB 1060/Hancock+	This bill would provide that a person convicted of a drug-related felony shall be eligible to receive CalWORKs benefits if he or she meets certain conditions of eligibility.	05/24/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	CBHS
SB 1072/Strickland	This bill would require the California Department of Public Health until July 1, 2018 to expand statewide screening of newborns to include 2 types of lysosomal storage diseases, Hurler syndrome and Krabbe disease.	05/24/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	SFGH

SB 1074/Dutton	This bill would extend the current CalWORKs fingerprint imaging requirement to the CalFresh program.	03/01/12 Senate Human Services	Health Promotion & Prevention
SB 1079/Rubio	This bill would codify existing regulations requiring the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation to provide medical services for inmates based on medical necessity, and would exclude sexual dysfunction, infertility, gender reassignment, and weight loss.	04/24/12 Senate Public Safety Failed Passage	Jail Health
SB 1081/Fuller	This bill would provide that a nondesignated public hospital is eligible to operate a Low Income Health Program (LIHP) if located in a county that does not have a county hospital and does not intend to operate a LIHP.	09/22/12 Chapter 453, Statutes of 2012	Finance SFGH
SB 1087/Walters	This bill would permit a participating program operated by a city, county, or nonprofit organization in the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Program to operate for up to 60 hours per week without obtaining a license or special permit provided that an individual pupil cannot attend the program for more than 30 hours per week.	09/27/12 Chapter 652, Statutes of 2012	Health Officer
SB 1106/Strickland	This bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution of a reusable grocery bag without a specified warning label.	04/23/12 Senate Enviro. Quality Failed Passage	EHS/Food Program
SB 1110/Rubio	This bill would authorize a state or local agency to charge a fee to cover the direct costs of duplication of a public record, including personnel costs.	03/01/12 Senate Judiciary	PIO
SB 1136/Steinberg++	This bill would transfer the various functions of the State Department of Mental Health to the State Department of Health Care Services and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, would require all projects included in the innovative programs portion of the county plan to meet specified requirements, would require a 3-year program and expenditure plan adopted by the county board of supervisors and submitted to the commission, and would require the State Department of	06/07/12 Assembly Health	CBHS

	Health Care Services to inform the California Mental Health Directors Association and the commission of the methodology used for revenue allocation to counties.		
SB 1182/Leno	This bill would exempt from the criminal acts and abatement of nuisance provisions medical marijuana collectives and cooperatives, and exempt those entities and persons from criminal prosecution or punishment solely on the basis that they receive compensation for actual expenses incurred in carrying out activities that are compliant with Attorney General guidelines.	06/04/12 Stricken from File	EHS
SB 1190/Hancock	This bill would require the California Department of Public Health to report twice per year on the status of implementation of electronic benefits transfer (EBT) for WIC recipients.	08/06/12 Assembly Appropriations	MCAH/WIC
SB 1193/Steinberg	This bill would require specified business and establishments (adult or sexually oriented businesses, airports, bus & rail stations, urgent care) to post a notice related to slavery and human trafficking, including information related to organizations that provide services to support their elimination.	09/24/12 Chapter 515, Statutes of 2012	Health Promotion & Prevention
SB 1228/Alquist	This bill, until 1/1/20, would establish the Small House Skilled Nursing Facilities Pilot Program within the State Department of Public Health for the purpose of providing skilled nursing care in a homelike, noninstitutional setting, require that pilot facilities, as defined, meet specified requirements and pay specified fees, require the department to submit a report to the Legislature on the results of the pilot program at least 24 months prior to the termination of the pilot.	09/27/12 Chapter 671, Statutes of 2012	CBHS
SB 1246/Hernandez	This bill would require acute care hospitals to develop a patient classification system for compliance with nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements with compliance failure subject to administrative penalty.	09/30/12 Vetoed^	SFGH
SB 1250/Alquist	This bill would require that health care providers and plans provide affected individuals with credit monitoring and reporting services for one year for a breach of specified personal or financial information.	05/24/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	COPC SFGH
SB 1285/Hernandez	This bill would require a hospital with an out-of-network emergency utilization rate of 50% or more to adjust its billed	08/16/12 Assembly	SFGH

	charges for emergency services provided prior to stabilization to an amount no greater than 150% of what it could be expect to receive from Medicare. Excludes designated public hospitals.	Suspense File Held Under Submission	
SB 1301/Hernandez	This bill would authorize a pharmacist to dispense up to a 90-day supply of a dangerous drug other than a controlled substance pursuant to a valid prescription.	09/22/12 Chapter 455, Statutes of 2012	CBHS
SB 1304/Berryhill	Spot bill on emergency services.	03/08/12 Senate	EMS PHEPR
SB 1310/Simitian	This bill would increase the fines and assess a point for a second violation for using a hand-held wireless device while operating a vehicle.	09/28/12 Vetoed^	Health Promotion & Prevention
SB 1318/Wolk	This bill would require that clinics and hospitals offer aerosol transmissible disease training to staff to minimize influenza virus transmission, offer onsite employee influenza vaccination, require staff to be vaccinated, and maintain vaccination records for staff.	09/30/12 Vetoed^	CDCP/Immunization
SB 1321/Harman	This bill would require the Health Benefits Exchange, if any part of ACA is amended, invalidated, or repealed, to report to the Legislature regarding the impact on the Exchange and to provide a plan on how the Exchange will operate given the sections amended, invalidated, or repealed.	06/25/12 Senate Health	Finance OPP
SB 1329/Simitian+	This bill would authorize a county to establish a prescription drug collection and distribution program by action of the board of supervisors or local health officer, expand the entities allowed to donate unused medications, and authorize a primary care clinic dispensary to participate.	09/28/12 Chapter 709, Statutes of 2012	Health Officer
SB 1369/Anderson	Spot bill on pupils requiring specialized health care services during the school day.	03/08/12 Senate	MCAH/CCS
SB 1377/Corbett	This bill would provide that the protection and advocacy agency for persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness has the authority to access records including access to unredacted citation reports, unredacted licensing reports, unredacted survey reports, unredacted plans of correction, or unredacted statements of deficiency prepared by a department	09/27/12 Chapter 664, Statutes of 2012	CBHS

	responsible for issuing a license or certificate to a program, facility, or service serving an individual with a disability.		
SB 1378/Hancock	This bill would revise the disciplinary provisions regarding EMT-I and EMT-II certificate holders and the reasons for denying a certificate.	05/24/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	EMS
SB 1462/Leno	This bill would authorize a sheriff to release a prisoner from a county correctional facility if the sheriff determines that the prisoner would not reasonably pose a threat to public safety and the prisoner is deemed to have a life expectancy of 6 months or less, and would require a county releasing such a prisoner to pay any Medi-Cal non-federal share.	09/30/12 Chapter 837, Statutes of 2012	Jail Health
SB 1465/Yee	This bill would revise the definition of Asian rice-based noodles, require the labels to indicate the date and time they first came out of hot holding, exempt them from these labeling requirements if they meet specific criteria, require that noodles kept at room temperature be consumed, cooked, or destroyed after 4 hours of the time labeled on the product, and exempt them from these time-temperature requirements if they meet specific criteria.	09/27/12 Chapter 658, Statutes of 2012	EHS/Food Program
SB 1486/Lieu	This bill would require retail food facilities that sell as a menu item seafood to identify the origin and source of the seafood and, if the facility has a drive-through area and uses a menu board to display menu items, to disclose on this menu board that this information is available upon request.	04/26/12 Senate Health	EHS/Food Program
SB 1487/Hernandez	This bill would extend Medi-Cal eligibility to youths who were formerly in foster care and who are under 26 years of age.	05/24/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	Finance OPP
SB 1506/Leno++	This bill would make the unlawful possession of a controlled substance a misdemeanor.	05/31/12 Senate Third Reading Refused Passage	CBHS
SB 1528/Steinberg	This bill would provide that the county's right of action would continue as a first lien against any judgment, settlement, compromise, arbitration award, mediation settlement, or other	08/31/12 From Assembly Without Further	Finance

	recovery for past medical expenses obtained by the injured or diseased person subject to any liens for attorney's fees and costs incurred by the person or person's representative, estate, or survivors.	Action	
SB 1529/Alquist	This bill would require that a provider be placed on Medi-Cal payment suspension upon credible allegation of fraud.	09/29/12 Chapter 797, Statutes of 2012	COPC Finance LHH SFGH
SB 1543/Emmerson	This bill would prescribe the fees for a health care provider or medical records management company to charge when providing copies of medical records to an attorney. This bill would also provide that an electronic copy of a medical record is required only if the entire request can be reproduced from an electronic health record system and can be delivered electronically.	04/19/12 Senate Judiciary	CBHS/Medical Recs COPC/Medical Recs SFGH/Medical Recs Vital Records
SB 1564/Strickland	Spot bill on State Department of Public Health facility licensure.	03/22/12 Senate	COPC LHH SFGH
SB 1566/Negrete-McLeod	This bill would require that Vehicle License Fees be distributed first to cities incorporated from unincorporated territory after August 5, 2004, second to cities incorporated before August 5, 2004, and third to the Local Law Enforcement Services Account in the Local Revenue Fund 2011, for allocation to cities, counties, and cities and counties.	05/24/12 Senate Suspense File Held Under Submission	Finance

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^Veto Messages:



- **AB 217/Carter:** This bill seeks to eliminate one of several statutory exceptions to the general prohibition on indoor smoking in the workplace. Specifically, AB 217 would ban all indoor smoking, and also restrict outdoor smoking, at nursing homes and similar facilities.

While health and safety considerations must prevail, to the extent a resident's preferences can be accommodated, they should. Allowing an elderly resident, who can't go home and who has smoked for a lifetime, to smoke in a designated indoor area during inclement weather – this sounds reasonable to me. Let's rely on the locals, in this case the facility and its residents and employees, to figure out which accommodations work or don't work.

- **AB 540/Beall:** The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires comprehensive health care coverage to be provided in the private market and through public programs. Rather than embarking on this piecemeal effort, my administration will consider whether a more comprehensive approach to screening – for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including pregnant women and women of childbearing age – is possible, as we implement the changes that are necessary to comply with the Affordable Care Act.
- **AB 889/Ammiano:** Domestic workers work in the homes of elderly or disabled people. They often share duties and responsibilities with the family and friends of the patient-employer. Those employed in this noble endeavor, like anyone who works for a living, deserve fair pay and safe working conditions. Seeking to improve the circumstances of these workers, however, raises a number of unanswered questions.

What will be the economic and human impact on the disabled or elderly person and their family of requiring overtime, rest, and meal periods for attendants who provide 24 hour care? What would be the additional costs and what is the financial capacity of those taking care of loved ones in the last years of life? Will it increase costs to the point of forcing people out of their homes and into licensed institutions?

Will there be fewer jobs for domestic workers? Will the available jobs be for fewer hours? Will they be less flexible?

What will be the impact of the looming federal policies in this area? How would the state actually enforce the new work rules in the privacy of people's homes?

The bill calls for these questions to be studied by the state Department of Industrial Relations and for the department to simultaneously issue new regulations to provide overtime, meal, rest break and sleep periods for domestic workers. In the face of consequences both known and unintended, I find it more prudent to do the studies before considering an untested legal regime for those that work in our homes.

Finally, a drafting error leaves most In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers subject to the measure - - resulting in costs to the state of over \$200 million per year. This could require cuts in wages, reduced hours of care and other reductions to those served by IHSS workers.

- **AB 1223/Cte. on Veterans Affairs:** I am returning Assembly Bill 1223 without my signature. While I support the efforts to inform veterans about the health care options that best meet their needs, current law already requires screening of Medi-Cal beneficiaries for veteran status and allows for expansion of the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) data match project beyond the current pilot counties.

Rather than requiring the PARIS pilot project to be implemented statewide, more effort should go into understanding which health care benefits work best for veterans, and how that outreach can be most effective before expending additional resources statewide.

- **AB 1278/Hill:** I am returning Assembly Bill 1278 without my signature. Helping people to quit smoking is a laudable health goal. In fact, many hospitals already designate their campuses “smoke-free” and impose fines on violators. Nothing in current law prevents hospitals from adopting this practice.

Finally, I would not that this bill eliminates penalties for smoking in hospitals. Why?

- **AB 1453/Monning:** I realize how important it is to align our individual health insurance market rules with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This bill got almost all the way there. Unfortunately, the measure failed to adequately link our state reforms to the federal law.

The Affordable Care act requires insurers to provide health coverage to all individuals regardless of their health status. This mandate on insurers is balanced by the mandate on individuals to obtain health coverage, with federal subsidies available to help lower-income people purchase it.

Without the strong foundation that federal law provides, a state-level mandate on insurers alone could encourage healthy people to wait until they got sick or injured before purchasing coverage. This would lead to skyrocketing premiums, making coverage more unaffordable.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to correct this problem and adopt the remaining essential provisions of this bill.

- **AB 1513/Allen:** Current law requires all premises of a food facility to be kept “clean, fully operative, and in good repair.” Local health jurisdictions enforce this law, as they enforce myriad other requirements pertaining to restaurant food safety.

Until there's more evidence that the problem warrants new state law, let's maintain the principle of subsidiarity and let the locals enforce what can already be called a comprehensive mandate.

- **AB 1594/Eng:** Pupil nutrition is profoundly important, but so also is the fundamental premise of charter schools that they be free from large portions of the voluminous state Education Code.

I am reluctant to erode the independence and flexibility that have well served the families and teachers who choose charter schools.

- **AB 2031/Fuentes:** This bill would add rank and file law enforcement and other members to the Board of State and Community Correction and local Community Corrections Partnerships.

The membership of the Board and the local Partnerships was something I carefully considered and crafted as part of my realignment proposal. To date, I have not seen credible evidence that would convince me to change the original design. If, after a reasonable period of time, it becomes clear that the absence of rank and file members is a problem, I will be glad to reconsider.

- **AB 2206/Atkins:** The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provides fully integrated care to people age 55 and older who need skilled nursing home type care, but can live in a community setting. California was the pioneer for PACE programs in the nation, having started the first one of its kind in the early 1970s.

Last year, I signed AB 574 to expand PACE, so that more providers could use this model and give aging Californians the benefits of fully integrated care. Since that time, my administration has embarked on a large scale effort to coordinate care for people who qualify for both the Medi-Cal and Medicare programs. The Coordinated Care Initiative, enacted through SB 1008 of 2012, will similarly build on the integrated care concept, using managed care plans to break down the silos that currently exist between medical and long-term care.

Within this effort, there will be ample opportunity for PACE to continue its mission and thrive as a model of care. I will direct my administration to involve PACE providers as the initiative rolls out. Enacting special provisions for PACE eligibility and referral is not necessary at this time.

- **SB 393/Hernandez:** I commend the author for trying to improve the delivery of health care by encouraging the greater use of “patient-centered medical homes.” While this concept is not new, it is still evolving.

For this reason, I think more work is needed before we codify the definition contained in this bill.

- **SB 970/DeLeon:** This bill is well intentioned but overly prescriptive in its requirements. Codifying another workgroup and requiring another workgroup are not necessary.

My administration has worked and will continue to work with the Legislature and stakeholders in transparent and cooperative ways to implement the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

- **SB 1002/Yee:** This bill would require the State Chief Information Officer to provide a report to the Legislature on the feasibility of providing public records in a specific electronic format.

The role of the State Chief Information Officer is to make sure that state government uses information technology efficiently and effectively – including providing public records electronically when possible. Another legislative report on electronic public records isn't necessary.

- **SB 1246/Hernandez:** This bill seeks to grant the Department of Public Health greater authority to enforce hospital nurse staffing ratios and patient classification system requirements.

Everything is already on track to get this job done. The department will soon release proposed regulations on administrative penalties that will apply to a broad range of violations. The rulemaking process should be completed next year.

- **SB 1310/Simitian:** I believe the current fines and penalties of \$213 and \$336 for cell phone use and texting while driving are a powerful deterrent. I have found even a \$50 ticket unpleasant enough. My point here is that the current fines are not trivial but do in fact get drivers' attention. Upping the fines may satisfy the punitive instincts of some, but I severely doubt that it will further reduce violations.
- **SB 1318/Wolk:** Encouraging health care workers to be vaccinated against influenza is good policy, and I support the national goal of achieving a 90 percent compliance rate by 2020. Indeed several counties and many hospitals have already adopted strict mandatory vaccination policies for their employees, and others are moving voluntarily in this direction.

This bill would move the date up to 2015 and make compliance mandatory, which are requirement I do not believe are reasonable. I have confidence that local governments and health facilities are well equipped to make these decisions on their own.