

AGING AND LONG TERM CARE (A<C) REFORM BILL PACKAGE; 2015/2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill #	Author	Summary	Hearing Date (Location)
INFRASTRUCTURE/SYSTEM INTEGRATION/REGIONAL CAPACITY			
SB 547	Sen. Carol Liu (D-25) / Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Creates Dept. of Community Living in the Health and Human Services Agency; requires appointment of an A<C "Czar" and development of state Long Term Care Plan.	04/14/15 (Governmental Organization)
SB 571	Sen. Carol Liu (D-25) / Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Requires HHSA to develop an internet portal for consumers, caregivers and providers to access information and identify available state, regional, and local A<C services and supports.	04/28/15 (Human Services)
AB 1261	Asm. Autumn Burke (D-62) Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Requires CBAS programs to be available in counties implementing Medi-Cal managed care. CBAS would be provided as a fee-for-service for individuals exempt from enrolling in Medi-Cal managed care.	(Health)
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AB 664	Asm. Bill Dodd (D-04)	Requires the LAO to evaluate and report on the outcomes of, and lessons learned from the pilot phase of the Universal Assessment tool (as it relates to HSC Sec. 1796.44(a)).	04/07/15 (Health)
CAREGIVER SUPPORT			
SB 675	Sen. Carol Liu (D-25)	Requires hospitals and other facilities to provide caregiver and transitional support upon discharge.	(Health)
ACR 38	Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Establishes California Family Caregiving Task Force to identify available caregiver resources and make recommendations for development of an Internet Web site containing caregiver resources; enhancement of outreach and education; and development of a caregiver screening and assessment tool.	
QUALITY OF CARE/ELDER PROTECTION			
AB 614	Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Streamlines Dept. Public Health updating process for health care standards of practice in health facilities and clinics.	(Health)
SB 613	Sen. Ben Allen (D-26)	Establishes a working group to develop guidelines for dementia and Alzheimer's patient care management.	(Rules)
SB 492	Sen. Carol Liu (D-25) / Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Creates a bill of rights for Medi-Cal and Medi-Care dual-eligibles specifying services they are entitled to receive under the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI).	04/22/15 (Health)
AB 601	Asm. Susan Eggman	Residential care facilities for the elderly: licensing and regulation information disclosure.	04/14/15 (Human Services)
AB 74	Asm. Ian Calderon	Implements plan requiring Dept. of Social Services to conduct annual	(Human Services)

	(D-57)	unannounced inspections of all community care facilities by July 2, 2018.	
SB 196	Sen. Loni Hancock (D-09)	Authorizes county adult productive services agencies to file a petition for a protective order on behalf of an elder or dependent adult if that person has been identified as lacking capacity and a conservatorship is sought.	(Judiciary)
AB 348	Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Requires Dept. of Public Health to set a performance benchmark for completing investigations for complaints filed on long-term care health facilities in 60 working days or less.	04/07/15 (Health)
ADVANCED PLANNING FOR END OF LIFE CARE			
SB 19	Sen. Lois Wolk (D-03)	Requires the HHS to establish and operate a California Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Registry for the purpose of collecting POLST forms received from health care providers.	04/08/15 (Health)
SB 128	Sen. Lois Wolk (D-03) / Sen. Bill Monning (D-17) / Asm. Susan Eggman (D-13)	California End of Life Option Act.	03/25/15 (Health) PASSED: 6-2-1 04/07/15 (Judiciary)
WORKFORCE			
SB 323	Sen. Ed Hernandez (D-22) / Asm. Susan Eggman (D-13)	Allows nurse practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education and training.	(Rules)
AB 474	Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Expands anti-retaliation protections to apply to all health care workers of a long-term health care facility. Increases civil and criminal penalties that apply to licensees who violate the provisions.	(Aging & LTC)
FINANCING/FUNDING			
AB 332	Asm. Ian Calderon (D-57)	Requires Insurance Commissioner to create a task force to examine options for a statewide LTC insurance program.	04/08/15 (Insurance)
AB 763	Asm. Autumn Burke (D-62) / Asm. Susan Bonilla (D-14)	Increases the "income disregard" amounts to \$369 for an individual, or \$498 in the case of a couple enrolled in the Medi-Cal program, and requires income disregards be adjusted annually. The income standard determined may not be less than the SSI/SSP payment level the individual or couple, as applicable, receives or would receive as a disabled or blind individual or couple.	04/07/15 (Health)
SB 33	Sen. Ed Hernandez (D-22)	Limits estate recovery in the Medi-Cal program by requiring collection for only those health care services required to be collected under federal law.	03/25/15 (Health)
SB 243	Sen. Ed Hernandez (D-22) / Asm. Rob Bonta (D-18)	Requires claims for payments pursuant to the inpatient hospital reimbursement methodology to be increased by a specified percent for the 2015–16 fiscal year, and would require, commencing July 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the department to increase each diagnosis-related group payment claim amount based on increases in the medical component of the California Consumer Price	04/22/15 (Health)

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AB 366	Asm. Rob Bonta (D-18) / Sen. Ed Hernandez (D-22)	Identical to SB 243 (Hernandez/Eggman).	04/14/15 (Health)
SB 575	Sen. Carol Liu (D-25)	Requires LTC insurance providers to notify people who cancelled their policies when they still have benefits available.	04/08/15 (Insurance)
FEDERAL PROGRAMS			
AJR 8	Sen. Carol Liu (D-25) / Asm. Cheryl Brown (D-47)	Urges Congress to reauthorize the Older Americans Act.	
AB 72	Asm. Rob Bonta (D-18) / Speaker Toni Atkins (D-78)	Requires DHCS to request that the federal government establish a demonstration project to improve delivery of services in the Medi-Cal program.	04/07/15 (Health)
SB 36	Sen. Ed Hernandez (D-22) / Sen. Kevin de León (D-24)	Requires DHCS to submit an application to federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver to implement a demonstration project in Medi-Cal (renew Section 1115 waiver).	04/08/15 (Health)