

2023 Sponsored Bills and Key Policy Priorities

Coverage and Affordability

AB 4 (Arambula):

#Health4All in Covered CA: Open up Covered California to allow all Californians, regardless of immigration status, to purchase health plans.

Covered CA Cost-Sharing Affordability

AB 1208 (Schiavo): Reduce cost-sharing and eliminate deductibles in Silver Covered California plans for all under 600% of poverty level.

State Budget advocacy: Safeguarding revenue from the state's individual insurance mandate penalty to ensure those dollars are used to make care more affordable, by reducing Covered California cost-sharing.

Consumer Protections

AB 948 (Berman):

Continue Rx Co-Pay Caps: Make permanent California's \$250/month co-pay cap for prescription drugs.

AB 236 (Holden):

Accurate Provider Directories: Ensure that health plan provider directories are accurate, closing loopholes and enforcing a timeline for compliance.

AB 716 (Boerner Horvath):

Ambulance Surprise Medical Bills: Prevent California consumers from getting surprise out-of-network bills for ground ambulance services

Cost Containment

AB 1091 (Wood):

AG Health Merger Oversight: Extend existing Attorney General authority on health industry mergers beyond just nonprofit hospitals. Also make the conditions of the Sutter settlement against anti-competitive contracting practices industry-wide.



Cost Containment (continued)

AB 1092 (Wood):

Plan Merger Oversight: Extend Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) oversight of mergers of health plans with other parts of health industry.

Office of Health Care Affordability: Monitor the implementation at the Department of Health Care Access and Information, to ensure that this effort, the most comprehensive to date to contain health costs, is successful in setting and enforcing cost growth targets and brings relief to California consumers.

Easy Enrollment

SB 595 (Roth):

Unemployment Insurance Data Sharing Fix: Follow-up to SB 644 (Leyva) of 2022 to help Covered California enroll those seeking unemployment insurance at the Employment Development Department (EDD).

Medi-Cal Oversight: Monitoring various Medi-Cal reforms and initiatives to:

1. Prevent Californians from losing coverage during restarted redeterminations after the unwinding of the public health emergency
2. Successfully implement of the new Health4All and other expansions
3. Ensure program and plan readiness of new plans and contracts in January 2024 that shifts coverage for millions of Californians.

Health Equity and Transparency

AB 403/AB 666 (Arambula):

Hospital Community Benefits: Support better transparency for the community benefits & reporting provided by nonprofit hospitals that get significant tax breaks due to their public service mission.

State Budget advocacy: Keeping commitments and preventing cuts, including renewing the MCO tax and getting resources for the most needed Medi-Cal improvements, and securing sustainable funding for a health payments database and data exchange framework.