



Key State Issues

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During the final month of the 2017 legislative session, lawmakers sent 977 bills to Gov. Brown to sign or veto by the Oct. 15 deadline. In the end, the Governor signed 859 regular session bills and vetoed 118. The enacted measures described below will become effective Jan. 1, 2018. In a major victory for California hospitals, the Governor vetoed SB 687 (Skinner, D-Berkeley), which would have required the attorney general to review closure or elimination of emergency services. For a version of this report that can be filtered by topic, visit www.calhospital.org/key-state-issues.

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Administrative Regulations

AB 1225	Patterson (R-Fresno)	Would have required CDPH to annually brief the Legislature on its efforts to update Title 22 regulations and would have repealed the regulation requiring hospitals to publicly post their program flexibility documents.	Failed passage.	Support	Debby Rogers/ Connie Delgado
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Clinical Laboratory Services

AB 251	Bonta (D-Alameda)	Would have established a medical loss ratio for chronic dialysis clinics that would have required the clinics to spend at least 85 percent of their revenue on patient care. Clinics not meeting the ratio would have been required to issue rebates to non-government payers in an amount sufficient to meet the minimum spending of 85 percent.	Placed on Senate Inactive File.	Oppose	Ronald Yaw/Barbara Glaser
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Closures

AB 651	Muratsuchi (D-Torrance)	Requires nonprofit health facilities with a suspended license to obtain attorney general approval prior to selling to a for-profit company, overturning a recent bankruptcy court decision. Also requires nonprofit health facilities, prior to selling to a for-profit corporation, to inform the attorney general of the primary languages spoken at the facility. Gives the attorney general the authority to require health facilities to translate specified notices into any of those languages. Requires the attorney general to consider whether the transaction may create a "significant effect on the availability and accessibility of cultural interests provided by the facility in the affected community."	Signed by the Governor Oct. 14.	Oppose	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser
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County Health Programs

AB 1250	Jones-Sawyer (D-Los Angeles)	Would have established specific standards for counties contracting for services, including health care services. The county would have been required to demonstrate that the proposed contract would result in cost savings to the county and show that the contract does not displace county workers. The hospital would have been required to submit an enormous amount of paperwork to the county, including monthly reports showing the names of employees and subcontractors who provided services under the contract and their hourly rates, which would be made public. This bill's requirements would have made caring for patients who are covered by county programs difficult and expensive.	Remains in Senate Rules Committee.	Oppose	Lois Richardson/ Barbara Glaser
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Education					
SB 15	Leyva (D-Chino)	Would have set maximum amounts for annual Cal Grant C awards for tuition and fees and for access costs. Would have also required the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to annually provide the Student Aid Commission with eligible occupational and technical training programs that meet Cal Grant C specifications.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee Sept. 1.	Support	Cathy Martin/ Alex Hawthorne
Emergency Services					
AB 263	Rodriguez (D-Pomona)	Would have required the Emergency Medical Services Authority to post a report on its website about violent incidents involving on-duty EMS providers. The bill would have also established new meal and rest period rules for employees of EMS providers who are required to remain on call during those periods.	Remains in Senate Rules Committee.	Follow, Hot	Gail Blanchard-Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
AB 583	Wood (D-Healdsburg)	Would have authorized the extension of the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act until 2030.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee May 26.	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
AB 820	Gipson (D-Carson)	Sponsored by Los Angeles County, this spot bill will be amended to establish a community paramedicine program in California.	Two-year bill.	Cosponsor	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
AB 1650	Maienschein (R-San Diego)	Would authorize the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to develop the Community Paramedicine Program and authorize a local EMS agency (LEMSA) to develop one or more of four community paramedicine programs. EMSA would be charged with developing criteria, in conjunction with OSHPD, to participate in the program; the medical director of the LEMSA would be required to oversee the local community paramedic program.	Two-year bill.	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
SB 432	Pan (D-Sacramento)	Revises the current requirement for hospitals to notify emergency response personnel who have cared for a patient with a reportable communicable disease. The bill does not revise the current requirement that hospitals notify the local public health officer, who in turn also notifies the emergency response personnel.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 2 (Chapter 426).	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
SB 443	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Authorizes use of an emergency automated drug delivery system for county-owned ambulance and emergency response providers to restock their vehicles.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 10 (Chapter 647).	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Alex Hawthorne
SB 687	Skinner (D-Berkeley)	Would have required nonprofit organizations that provide emergency services to obtain the attorney general's written consent before reducing the level of services provided. These provisions would have been applied retroactively to January 2016. The bill would have also prohibited the licensure of free-standing emergency rooms that are not part of a hospital.	Vetoed by the Governor Oct. 14.	Oppose	Anne McLeod/ Kathryn Scott
Health Facilities					
AB 908	Dababneh (D-Encino)	Requires OSHPD to provide a 30-day notice to a hospital prior to revoking a seismic safety extension and allows the hospital to challenge the revocation.	Signed by the Governor Sept. 28 (Chapter 350).	Support	Cheri Hummel/ Kathryn Scott
AB 1014	Cooper (D-Elk Grove)	Aligns health care facility testing and maintenance requirements related to diesel generators with the current edition of NFPA 110: Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems, as adopted by the Life Safety Code and CMS. Previous law expired in 2016.	Signed by the Governor July 31 (Chapter 145).	Sponsor	Cheri Hummel/ Kathryn Scott

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Health Facilities (continued)					
AB 1048	Arambula (D-Fresno)	Authorizes a pharmacist to dispense a Schedule II controlled substance as a partial fill and removes the assessment of pain as a vital sign.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 9 (Chapter 615).	Support	David Perrott/ Connie Delgado
Homeless Patients					
AB 210	Santiago (D-Los Angeles)	Establishes a homeless adult, child and family multidisciplinary personnel team within counties to allow provider agencies to share confidential information for the purpose of coordinating housing and supportive services to ensure continuity of care for the homeless population. Providers and agencies include, but are not limited to, social services, child welfare services, health services, mental health services, substance abuse services, probation, law enforcement, veteran services, homeless services and housing.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 7 (Chapter 544).	Support	Peggy Wheeler/ Barbara Glaser
Labor					
AB 5	Gonzalez Fletcher (D-San Diego)	Would require an employer to offer additional hours of work to an existing employee who — in the employer’s reasonable judgment — has the skills and experience to perform the work, before hiring any additional employees or subcontractors, including through a temporary employment agency, staffing agency or similar entity. The bill would not apply where it would result in payment of overtime, would require the employer to use a transparent and nondiscriminatory process to distribute the additional hours of work among existing employees, and would provide employees with a private right of action.	Two-year bill.	Oppose, Unless Amended	Gail Blanchard-Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
AB 387	Thurmond (D-Richmond)	Would require health care entities to pay allied health students minimum wage for time spent in clinical or experiential training required to be eligible for state licensure or certification.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Cathy Martin/ Gail Blanchard-Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
AB 402	Thurmond (D-Richmond)	Would have required Cal/OSHA to convene, by June 1, 2018, an advisory committee to develop regulations requiring hospitals to evacuate or remove plume (noxious airborne contaminants generated as byproducts from specific devices used during surgical procedures). The proposed regulations would have been required to be submitted to the Cal/OSHA Standards Board by June 1, 2019, and the board would have been required to adopt regulations by July 1, 2020.	Vetoed by the Governor Oct. 9.	Oppose, Unless Amended	Gail Blanchard-Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
AB 1102	Rodriguez (D-Pomona)	As initially introduced, would have prohibited hospitals from taking adverse action against an employee who refuses an assignment on the basis that it would violate the nurse-to-patient ratio law. The final version of the bill instead increases the fine for willful violations of whistleblower protections.	Signed by the Governor Sept. 25 (Chapter 275).	Neutral	Gail Blanchard-Saiger/ Kathryn Scott

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Labor (continued)					
AB 1603	Ridley-Thomas (D-Los Angeles)	Would expand the definition of “public employee” to include any person jointly employed by a public agency and any other employer at: a clinic or hospital operated for the purpose of medical education, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 2401 of the Business and Professions Code; a nonprofit community clinic, such as a primary care clinic or charitable clinic, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code; or a county hospital. Would authorize a labor union representing employees at the public entity to include the jointly employed individuals in the bargaining unit without the consent of the public agency or joint employer.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Gail Blanchard-Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
SB 349	Lara (D-Bell Gardens)	Would establish staffing ratios in dialysis clinics for nurses, technicians and social workers. Would require CDPH, by January 1, 2020, to issue regulations establishing a minimum transition time between patients; in the absence of regulations, the minimum transition time would be 45 minutes.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Gail Blanchard-Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
Managed Care					
SB 199	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Would have required certain health care entities, including providers, to provide specified utilization and pricing information to the California Health Care Cost, Quality, and Equity Atlas.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee Sept. 1.	Follow, Hot	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser
SB 538	Monning (D-Carmel)	The bill would impose numerous prohibitions on contract provisions between hospitals and payers. Among other provisions, the bill would ban binding arbitration for antitrust claims and prohibit hospitals from requiring that multiple facilities in their system be included in a contract. Although the bill will not move forward this year, the Chair of the Assembly Health Committee and the author have agreed to hold an informational hearing later this year to discuss the issues as a precursor to a possible bill next year.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Dietmar Grellmann/ Alex Hawthorne
SB 562	Lara (D-Bell Gardens)/ Atkins (D-San Diego)	Would have established the Californians for a Healthy California Act, a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and health care cost control system. As amended, the bill would have covered all medical care for residents who would be required to purchase insurance, eliminated co-pays and deductibles, and allowed Californians to choose their doctors. A nine-member board, appointed by the Governor and Legislature, would oversee the health system. This bill did not include a funding mechanism.	Held in Assembly Rules Committee.	Follow, Hot	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser
SB 647	Pan (D-Sacramento)	Would require the Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Insurance to record and report all consumer complaints about Employee Retirement Income Security Act pensions and health plans. CHA intends to amend the bill to address deficiencies in current law, known as the Providers' Bill of Rights, which allows third-party payers to obtain the benefits of a leased network contract without adhering to all the requirements of the contract.	Two-year bill.	Support	Dietmar Grellmann/ Alex Hawthorne

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Medi-Cal					
AB 205	Wood (D-Healdsburg)	Implements various provisions of the federal Medicaid managed care rule related to network adequacy standards, medical loss ratio requirements, state fair hearing requirements and supplemental Medi-Cal funding for California's public health care systems. AB 205 is a companion bill to SB 171 (Hernandez, D-Azusa).	Signed by the Governor Oct. 13 (Chapter 738).	Support	Amber Kemp/ Barbara Glaser
SB 171	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Implements various provisions of the federal Medicaid managed care rule related to network adequacy standards, medical loss ratio requirements, state fair hearing requirements and supplemental Medi-Cal funding for California's public health care systems. SB 171 is a companion bill to AB 205 (Wood, D-Healdsburg).	Signed by the Governor Oct. 13 (Chapter 768).	Support	Amber Kemp/ Barbara Glaser
SB 608	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Would have specified how grants under the Quality Assurance Fee program would be distributed to public hospitals.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee Sept. 1.	Sponsor	Amber Ott/ Barbara Glaser
Medical Records					
SB 241	Monning (D-Carmel)	Harmonizes state law with certain provisions of federal health information privacy regulations adopted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) .	Signed by the Governor Oct. 5 (Chapter 513).	Support	Lois Richardson/ Connie Delgado
SB 244	Lara (D-Los Angeles)	Intended to ensure that public agencies — including county and district hospitals — do not use personal information in a manner that might harm undocumented immigrants. However, the bill would have established a blanket prohibition on using or disclosing personal information for any reason except to care for the patient or as required by law. The bill was amended to allow public hospitals to continue to use and disclose patient information in accordance with health information privacy laws.	Placed on Assembly Inactive File.	Neutral, as Amended	Lois Richardson/ Connie Delgado
Medical Staff					
AB 148	Mathis (R-Porterville)	Would have lowered the eligibility threshold for rural practice settings participating in the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program. The program provides financial incentives, including repayment of educational loans, to a physician who practices in a medically underserved area. Currently, eligible practice settings include community clinics, a clinic owned or operated by a public hospital and health system, or a clinic owned and operated by a hospital that maintains the primary contract with a county government to fulfill the county's role to serve its indigent population. These settings must be located in a medically underserved area and at least 50 percent of patients must be from medically underserved populations. This bill would have lowered the eligibility threshold for serving the above described populations to 30 percent for practice settings located in rural areas.	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee Sept. 1.	Support	Peggy Wheeler/ Connie Delgado
AB 893	E. Garcia (D-Coachella)	Would have authorized local public health agencies and others to send to OSHPD data on the number of graduate medical slots necessary to meet current and future physician needs in Imperial County and other underserved counties. The bill no longer relates to physician employment by a hospital.	Remains in Senate Health Committee.	Follow, Hot	Peggy Wheeler/ Barbara Glaser

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Medical Staff (continued)					
SB 487	Pan (D-Sacramento)	Would prohibit a medical staff from requiring physicians to participate in a maintenance of certification program by specialty boards. For public hospitals, the bill would limit voting rights on issues affecting patient care to physicians providing "substantial" direct patient care, defined as 50 percent or more of the physician's annual practice.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	David Perrott/ Connie Delgado
SB 790	McGuire (D-Healdsburg)	Would prohibit a manufacturer of a drug or device intended to be used with a drug or biologic from providing anything of value to hospitals or other health care providers, with limited exceptions. Would also prohibit manufacturers and their representatives from providing a fee or other economic benefit to health care providers to participate in research, with limited exceptions. Exceptions include sponsorship of significant educational seminars, bona fide clinical trials and support to free clinics.	Two-year bill.	Neutral	Debby Rogers/ Jackie Garman/ Connie Delgado
SB 798	Hill (D-San Mateo)	Gives licensed midwives the right to a peer review hearing; makes the Board of Podiatric Medicine independent from the Medical Board; revises the definition of reportable adverse events for outpatient settings; requires outpatient settings to report comprehensive demographic, encounter, error and other data to OSHPD annually; extends the current \$100,000 penalty for failure to file required 805 reports to 805.01 reports; changes educational and licensing requirements for healing arts professionals; and makes numerous technical and conforming changes.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 13 (Chapter 775).	Neutral, as Amended	David Perrott/ Connie Delgado
Mental Health					
AB 191	Wood (D-Healdsburg)	Amends current law to authorize a licensed marriage and family therapist or professional clinical counselor to sign a notice of certification for an extended involuntary hold. This bill requires that the therapist or counselor participated in evaluating the patient, and stipulates that he or she must be the second signature (the first must be a physician or psychologist). This authority pertains to involuntary holds exceeding 72 hours that require an additional period of intensive treatment not to exceed 14 days, or 30 days under specified conditions.	Signed by the Governor Sept. 1 (Chapter 184).	Support	Sheree Lowe/ Alex Hawthorne
AB 451	Arambula (D-Fresno)	Would have required acute psychiatric hospitals to treat patients with an emergency psychiatric condition, regardless of whether the hospital has an emergency department. The bill also would have prohibited a general acute care hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital from requiring a patient to be on an involuntary hold as a condition of transfer or admission. CHA removed its opposition to the bill due to amendments that would have required psychiatric health facilities to accept patients with an emergency psychiatric condition regardless of whether the facility has an emergency department.	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee Sept. 1.	Neutral, As Amended	Sheree Lowe/ Alex Hawthorne
AB 477	Ridley-Thomas (D-Los Angeles)	Would establish a Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Panel to provide ongoing advice and assistance on California's behavioral health program needs and priorities, including recommending actions to improve collaboration between and processes of the multiple agencies involved in California's behavioral health delivery system.	Two-year bill.	Support	Sheree Lowe/ Alex Hawthorne

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Mental Health (continued)					
AB 501	Ridley-Thomas (D-Los Angeles)	Expands the definition of “short-term residential therapeutic program,” creating a new category for mental health crisis residential services dedicated to youth. The current lack of licensing category specific to children’s crisis residential services results in a gap in these services.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 12 (Chapter 704).	Support	Sheree Lowe/ Alex Hawthorne
AB 1136	Eggman (D-Stockton)	Would require the California Department of Public Health to apply for a grant to develop a real-time database showing available beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities and residential substance use disorder treatment facilities. This bill was amended to exempt state hospitals.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Sheree Lowe/ Alex Hawthorne
AB 1315	Mullin (D-South San Francisco)	Establishes the Early Psychosis Detection and Intervention Competitive Selection Process Act and an advisory committee to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, thereby expanding the provision of high-quality, evidence-based early psychosis detection and intervention services in California.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 2 (Chapter 414).	Support	Sheree Lowe/ Alex Hawthorne
SB 237	Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys)	Would have modified the process of arresting individuals by allowing law enforcement to, in lieu of processing them through the county jail and going before a magistrate, transport the individual to a hospital or other care setting for evaluation and treatment of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.	Held in Assembly Transportation Committee.	Follow, Hot	Peggy Wheeler/ Barbara Glaser
SB 565	Portantino (D-La Canada Flintridge)	After the completion of a 14-day period of intensive treatment for behavioral and/or substance abuse disorders, a person may be certified for an additional period of 30 days of intensive treatment. This bill requires a hospital to, with the patient’s consent, make a reasonable attempt to notify a family member or other person designated by the patient at least 36 hours prior to the certification review hearing.	Signed by the Governor Sept. 1 (Chapter 218).	Follow, Hot	Sheree Lowe/ Alex Hawthorne
Nursing Services					
AB 422	Arambula (D-Fresno)	Repeals provisions related to the California State University Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) pilot program, and authorizes the California State University to permanently establish DNP programs.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 12 (Chapter 702).	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
AB 1612	Burke (D-Inglewood)	Would allow full practice authority for certified nurse midwives.	Two-year bill.	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
SB 457	Bates (R-Laguna Niguel)	Would prohibit physicians and midwives from attending certain births in a licensed alternative birth center (ABC) or at home and put onerous procedures in place for those out-of-hospital births that would still legally be allowed. Would also require duplicative physical exams, extensive screening, additional handouts to be given to patients, and voluminous data reporting by health care providers — including complicated medical reports for a hospital to complete for each patient who attempted a planned ABC or home birth but was transferred to a hospital. Overall, this bill would prevent licensed midwives and certified nurse midwives from practicing to the full extent of their education, licensure/certification and experience.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
SB 554	J. Stone (R-Murrieta)	Allows a nurse practitioner or a physician’s assistant to furnish or order buprenorphine, in compliance with the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016.	Signed by the Governor Sept. 11 (Chapter 242).	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado

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Nursing Services (continued)					
SB 799	Hill (D-San Mateo)	Requires the California Research Bureau to prepare a report for the Legislature that reviews existing reporting mechanisms related to registered nurses who are terminated or resigned for cause, and offer options for future legislation. "For cause" is defined to include, among other conduct, use of controlled substances or alcohol to the extent that it impairs the nurse's ability to safely practice; patient or client abuse; neglect, physical harm or sexual contact with a patient or client; and unlawful sale of a controlled substance.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 5 (Chapter 520).	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
Pharmacy					
SB 17	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Requires health plans, insurers and the pharmaceutical industry to report specified information related to prescription drug costs and prices to the state.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 9 (Chapter 603).	Support	Dietmar Grellmann/ Alex Hawthorne
SB 351	Roth (D-Riverside)	Provides additional options for hospitals to license pharmaceutical services in a satellite or approved service area located separate from the hospital's physical plant that is not under the hospital's consolidated license.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 9 (Chapter 603).	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Alex Hawthorne
Prison Issues					
AB 43	Thurmond (D-Richmond)	Would levy a 10 percent tax on companies that contract to provide goods or services to state prisons, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Department of General Services. The revenue would be used to expand programs that prevent incarceration, such as universal preschool and after-school programs.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Peggy Wheeler/ Barbara Glaser
Public Health					
SB 43	Hill (D-San Mateo)	Would require hospitals and clinical labs, beginning July 1, 2018, to conduct and submit to the CDPH an annual antibiogram (a summary of all the antibiotic resistant infections in the previous year). Hospitals are currently creating antibiograms as part of their antibiotic stewardship programs. CDPH would be required to publish an annual report on the occurrence of antibiotic resistant infections and deaths, based on available data. The report would analyze the data by facility type, type of resistant infection and geography; facility names would not be included.	Two-year bill.	Oppose, Unless Amended	Debby Rogers/ David Perrott/ Alex Hawthorne
Skilled-Nursing Facilities					
AB 275	Wood (D-Healdsburg)	Expands notice and planning requirements that skilled-nursing and long-term care facilities must meet prior to a change in facility license or operations that may result in patient transfers. Includes a requirement that the attending physician and a licensed mental health professional, in addition to facility nursing staff, complete an assessment prior to giving the patient a written notice of transfer.	Signed by the Governor Sept. 1 (Chapter 185).	Follow, Hot	Patricia Blaisdell/ Barbara Glaser
AB 940	Weber (D-San Diego)	Requires skilled-nursing facilities to inform the local long-term care ombudsman within 24 hours of notifying a resident in writing of a transfer or discharge from the facility. Failure to do so constitutes a class B violation.	Signed by the Governor Sept. 26 (Chapter 274).	Follow, Hot	Patricia Blaisdell/ Barbara Glaser

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Skilled-Nursing Facilities (continued)					
AB 1335	Kalra (D-San Jose)	Would redefine, with respect to class AA violations in skilled-nursing facilities, the causal connection that must exist between the violation and the death of a resident. It would also create a new subcategory of class A violations for situations not meeting the requirements of a class AA violation but where a resident death has occurred.	Two-year bill.	Follow, Hot	Debby Rogers/ Barbara Glaser
SB 219	Wiener (D-San Francisco)	Creates the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Long-Term Care Facility Resident's Bill of Rights, making it unlawful for any long-term care facility to take specified actions on the basis of a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or HIV status.	Signed by the Governor Oct. 4 (Chapter 483).	Neutral, as Amended	Patricia Blaisdell/ Barbara Glaser
SB 481	Pan (D-Sacramento)	Sponsored by CHA, this bill would address deficiencies identified in <i>CANHR v. Chapman</i> . Specifically, it would strengthen the current process for notifying skilled-nursing facility residents who lack capacity and have no legal representative of recommended medical interventions requiring informed consent.	Two-year bill.	Sponsor	Patricia Blaisdell/ Lois Richardson/ Alex Hawthorne
Workers' Compensation					
SB 489	Bradford (D-Compton)	Allows hospitals that treat injured workers who present through the emergency room up to 180 days to bill for services rendered. Existing law, which has not yet taken effect, requires billing within 30 days.	Signed by the Governor Sept. 11 (Chapter 240).	Support	Amber Ott/ Kathryn Scott