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BILL NUMBER	SUMMARY	BILL STATUS
<p><u>ABX1 1 (Perez)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As introduced January 28, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal: eligibility</u></p> <p>States legislative intent to expand Medi-Cal eligibility for individuals with incomes below 133 percent of the federal poverty level, so that millions of uninsured Californians can receive health care coverage.</p> <p>Adds ACA Essential Health Benefits to scheduled Medi-Cal benefits effective January 1, 2014.</p> <p>Requires all state health subsidy programs to accept self-attestation regarding age, date of birth, family size, household income, state residence, pregnancy, and any other applicable criteria needed to determine the eligibility of an applicant or recipient, to the extent permitted by state and federal law.</p> <p>Enacts temporary changes to Medi-Cal eligibility and enrollment rules effective until January 1, 2014.</p> <p>NOTE: This bill is the companion measure to SBX1 1 (Hernandez, Steinberg) introduced in the First Extraordinary Session. Similar to SB 28 (Hernandez, Steinberg) introduced in regular session.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Health</p> <p>Last action: March 14, 2013: Referred to Senate Health Committee</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>
<p><u>ABX1 2 (Pan)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended April 1, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage</u></p> <p>This omnibus measure contains various provisions affecting the individual and small group markets. The bill was joined to SBX1-2 (Hernandez).</p>	<p>Last action: May 9, 2013</p> <p>Governor signed</p> <p>May 9, 2013, Chaptered by Secretary of State</p>

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<p><u>ABX1 4 (Wilk)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As introduced, May 16, 2013.</p>	<p><u>Health Care</u></p> <p>Would require that individuals receiving coverage through the California Health Benefit Exchange and who are receiving a tax credit pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) would be subject to the required grace period and provisions of coverage during the grace period, if any, as provided by PPACA. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly</p> <p>Last action: May 16, 2013, Read 1st time</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>

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<p><u>SBX1 2 (Hernandez, Monning)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 1, 2013.</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage</u></p> <p>This omnibus measure contains various provisions affecting the individual and small group markets. The bill was extensively amended March 7, 2013 and joined to ABX1-2 (Pan).</p>	<p>Last action: May 9, 2013</p> <p>Governor Signed</p> <p>May 9, 2013, Chaptered by Secretary of State</p>

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<p><u>SBX1 3 (Hernandez)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, March 6, 2013.</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: Bridge Plan</u></p> <p>Defines Bridge Plan individual product and states legislative intent to extent possible it will be lowest cost silver tier plan in rating region.</p> <p>Subject to federal approval, authorizes the Exchange to certify Bridge Plans as QHPs and offer Bridge Plans to Exchange-eligible individuals with MAGI not exceeding 200% of FPL.</p> <p>Exempts Bridge Plans from metal tier level offer requirements and allows plan issuers to offer only a Bridge Plan in the Exchange.</p> <p>Defines Bridge Plan certification requirements and eligible enrollees.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Health</p> <p>Last action: May 9, 2013: Referred to Assembly Committee on Health</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>
<p><u>SBX1 4 (Emmerson)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced, April 15, 2013.</p>	<p><u>Fingerprinting</u></p> <p>Requires all employees, prospective employees, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors, who facilitate enrollment of persons in a qualified health plan in the Exchange and who, in the course and scope of their employment, have access to the financial or medical information of enrollees or potential enrollees, to be fingerprinted, at appropriate locations determined by the board, for the purpose of obtaining criminal history information.</p> <p>Prohibits a person who has been convicted of felony crimes of dishonesty or breach of trust in a state or federal jurisdiction or other specified crimes from being hired by or contracting with the Exchange.</p> <p>Requires an applicant to notify the Exchange of any prescribed misdemeanor or felony convictions, filing of charges, or administrative actions.</p> <p>Fingerprinting bill: companion to AB 1428 (Conway) and ABX1 3 (Conway)</p>	<p>Location: Senate Health</p> <p>Last action: April 15, 2013, Read 1st time</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>

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<p><u>AB 18 (Pan)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended, April 16, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: pediatric oral care</u></p> <p>Exempts QHPs offered through the Exchange from the ACA requirement they include coverage for pediatric oral care if the Exchange offers a stand-alone dental plan as described in PPACA.</p> <p>Mandating stand-alone dental plans offered through the Exchange include coverage of pediatric oral care benefits.</p> <p>(URGENCY)</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Health</p> <p>Last action: April 23, 2013: Hearing canceled at request of author.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>
<p><u>AB 50 (Pan)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended: May 1, 2014</p>	<p><u>Health Care Coverage: Medi-Cal eligibility: enrollment</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a process that allows participating Medi-Cal hospitals to make a preliminary determination of a person's eligibility for Medi-Cal. 2) Effective January 1, 2015, repeals a requirement that an applicant for, or beneficiary of, Medi-Cal or Aid to Families with Dependent Children programs attend an in-person presentation regarding managed care or fee-for-service (FFS) health care options. 3) Effective January 1, 2015, repeals the requirement for DHCS to develop a program to provide information and assistance to enable Medi-Cal beneficiaries to choose a Medi-Cal managed care plan (MCP) to be used pursuant to 2) above. 4) Requires, effective January 1, 2015, the single, standardized application for state health subsidy programs to include questions, that are optional for the applicant, that relate to demographic characteristics, including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, primary language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression. <p>(URGENCY)</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Appropriations</p> <p>Last Action: May 14, 2013.</p> <p>Hearing date: May 24, 2013</p>

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<p><u>AB 209 (Pan)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended, April 9, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal: managed care: quality, accessibility, and utilization</u></p> <p>Requires DMHC to develop and implement a plan to monitor, evaluate, and improve the quality and accessibility of health care and dental services provided through Medi-Cal managed care. Mandates analysis by race, ethnicity, primary language, and gender to extent permitted by federal law.</p> <p>Requires plan to include minimum and benchmark performance standards and contract requirements and strategies to encourage and reward improvement and to identify and reduce health disparities among populations.</p> <p>Requires DMHC to appoint an advisory committee composed of providers, plans, researchers, advocates, and enrollees for the purpose of making recommendations to the Department and the Legislature in order to improve quality and access in the delivery of Medi-Cal managed care services.</p> <p>These mandates would be implemented only if funding appropriated in budget act.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Rules</p> <p>Last action: May 9, 2013, in Senate.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>AB 219 (Perea)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As introduced, February 4, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: cancer treatment</u></p> <p>Would prohibit a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014 providing coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medications from requiring an enrollee or insured to pay a total cost-sharing amount of more than \$100 per filled prescription.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Health</p> <p>Last action: May 2, 2013, referred to Senate Health</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>

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<p><u>AB 361 (Mitchell)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 4, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal: Health Homes for Medi-Cal Enrollees and Section 1115 Waiver Demonstration Populations with Chronic and Complex Conditions</u></p> <p>Would authorize the Department of Health Care Services pursuant to ACA Section 2703 and the State Medicaid Director Letter issued on November 16, 2010 and subject to federal approval to create a health home program for targeted Medi-Cal beneficiaries with diagnoses of chronic, co-occurring physical health, mental health, or substance use disorders prevalent among frequent hospital users' chronic conditions.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File</p> <p>Hearing date: May 24, 2013</p>
<p><u>AB 369 (Pan)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced, February 14, 2013</p>	<p><u>California Health Benefit Exchange: report on merger of individual and small group markets</u></p> <p>Amends exchange enabling statute to change due date of report to Legislature on whether to adopt the option under PPACA to merge the individual and small employer insurance markets from December 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly 2 year</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>AB 390 (Logue)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, March 21, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care</u></p> <p>Would require the Exchange to submit to the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office detailed performance-based budget of proposed expenditures and estimated revenues for the ensuing fiscal year.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly 2 yr.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>

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<p><u>AB 411 (Pan)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 18, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal: performance measures</u></p> <p>Would require Medi-Cal managed care plans to analyze their Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures or their External Accountability Set (EAS) performance measure equivalent, by geographic region, race, ethnicity, primary language, and as information is identified, by sexual orientation and gender, and to implement strategies to reduce identified disparities between members from these categories.</p> <p>The bill would also require these data be reported to the Department of Health Care Services annually and be made available to the public via the DHCS Internet Web site. This bill would further require all Medi-Cal managed care plans to link individual level data collected as a part of analyzing their HEDIS measures, or their EAS performance measure equivalent, to personal identifiers and to submit that data to DHCS annually.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Rules</p> <p>Last action: May 16, 2013. In Senate.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>AB 422 (Nazarian)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced, February 15, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care applications</u></p> <p>Would require School Lunch Program application packets include notice advising applicants may be eligible for reduced-cost, comprehensive health care coverage through the California Health Benefit Exchange (including Web site and phone number) or no-cost coverage through Medi-Cal.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Rules</p> <p>Last action: May 16, 2013. In Senate.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>AB 460 (Ammiano)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced, February 19, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: infertility</u></p> <p>Would require health plans to include coverage for infertility treatment. Additionally provides this benefit must be offered without discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, domestic partner status, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Rules</p> <p>Last action: May 20, 2013. In Senate.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>

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<p><u>AB 505 (Nazarian)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 17, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal: managed care: language assistance</u></p> <p>Mandates DHCS require all managed care plans contracting with the Department to provide Medi-Cal services to provide language assistance services to limited-English-proficient (LEP) enrollees, as specified.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Rules</p> <p>Last action: May 16, 2013. In Senate.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>AB 578 (Dickinson)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 8, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care</u></p> <p>Would require the Director of DMHC or Insurance Commissioner to publish a notice upon receiving an application from a managed care service plan or health insurance plan in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the proposed plan's service area. Also requires DMHC to solicit public comments in writing, allowing comments to be submitted through the departments' Internet Web sites, and hold at least one public hearing concerning the application.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last action: April 17, 2013: To Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 24, 2013</p>
<p><u>AB 596 (Brown)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced, February 20, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care services grants</u></p> <p>Spot bill that would amend existing law governing the California Health Facilities Authority grants program for projects designed to demonstrate specified new or enhanced cost-effective methods of delivering quality health care services improving access to quality health care for vulnerable populations or communities to enhance health outcomes and preventive services.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly 2 year</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>

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<p><u>AB 617 (Nazarian)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended, April 15, 2013</p>	<p><u>California Health Benefit Exchange: appeals</u></p> <p>Would require the Exchange to contract with the Department of Social Services to serve as the Exchange appeals entity to hear appeals of eligibility determinations or redeterminations for individual market applicants.</p> <p>Would establish an appeals process for initial eligibility determinations and redetermination, including an informal resolution process, as specified, establishing procedures and timelines for hearings with the appeals entity, and notice provisions. The bill would also establish continuing eligibility for individuals during the appeals process.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last action: May 8, 2013, to Assembly Appropriations suspense file.</p> <p>Hearing date: May 24, 2013</p>
<p><u>AB 676 (Fox)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended, April 10, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: post discharge care needs</u></p> <p>Would prohibit health care service plans, health insurers, and the Department of Health Care Services or Medi-Cal managed care plans from causing an enrollee, insured, or beneficiary to remain in a general acute care hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital upon determination by the attending physician on the medical staff that the individual no longer requires inpatient hospital care.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Appropriations</p> <p>Last action: May 8, 2013: Hearing canceled at request of author.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>
<p><u>AB 710 (Pan)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended, March 11, 2013</p>	<p><u>California Health Benefit Exchange: Multi-employer plans</u></p> <p>Would require the Exchange to facilitate the purchase of QHPs through the Exchange by ERISA multi-employer plans no later than July 1, 2014.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last action: May 15, 2013: to Assembly Appropriations suspense file.</p> <p>Hearing date: May 24, 2013</p>

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<p><u>AB 720 (Skinner)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 11, 2013</p>	<p><u>Inmates: health care enrollment</u></p> <p>Would require counties to assist jail inmates enroll in the Medi-Cal program available in that county 30 days before scheduled release. For inmates ineligible for federal Medi-Cal benefits and who do not have health care insurance, to supply appropriate information regarding the California Health Benefit Exchange.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last action: May 1, 2013: to Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 24, 2013</p>
<p><u>AB 771 (Jones)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended March 19, 2013.</p>	<p><u>Public health: wellness programs</u></p> <p>Would require California HHS to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to the federal HHS Department to allow California to be a participating pilot state in the wellness program demonstration project in the individual market per ACA Section 1201(l). • Petition HHS to amend federal regulations to allow California employers to offer employees rewards of up to 50 percent of the cost of health care coverage for participating in a wellness program meeting ACA requirements. 	<p>Location: Assembly 2 year</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>
<p><u>AB 880 (Gomez)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 24, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal program costs: large employer responsibility</u></p> <p>Would require a large employer, as defined, to pay the Employment Development Department an employer responsibility penalty for each covered employee, as defined, enrolled in Medi-Cal based on the average cost of coverage provided by large employers to their employees, including both the employer's and employee's share of the premiums, as specified.</p> <p>The bill would assess interest of 10% per annum on employer responsibility penalties not paid on or before the date payment is due, as specified, and would require a large employer subject to an employer responsibility penalty to pay a penalty, as specified, for any employer responsibility penalty payment that is more than 60 days overdue.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last action: May 15, 2013: to Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 24, 2013</p>

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<p><u>AB 889 (Frazier)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended, May 2, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: prescription drugs</u></p> <p>Would authorize health care service plans and health insurers to require step therapy, as defined, when more than one drug is appropriate for the treatment of a medical condition, subject to specified requirements.</p> <p>Would require a plan or insurer that requires step therapy to have an expeditious process authorizing exceptions to step therapy when medically necessary and to conform effectively and efficiently to continuity of care.</p> <p>Would require the duration of any step therapy or fail first protocol be consistent with up-to-date evidence-based outcomes and current published peer-reviewed medical and pharmaceutical literature, and would, except under certain conditions.</p> <p>Would prohibit plans from requiring that a patient try and fail on more than two medications before allowing the patient access to other medication prescribed by the prescribing provider.</p> <p>Would prohibit a new plan or insurer from requiring the enrollee or insured to repeat step therapy when that person is already being treated for a medical condition by a prescription drug.</p>	<p><u>Location:</u> Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p><u>Last action:</u> May 15, 2013: to Appropriations suspense file</p> <p><u>Hearing date:</u> May 24, 2013</p>
<p><u>AB 912 (Quirk-Silva)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As introduced, February 22, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: fertility preservation</u></p> <p>Would require health care plans and insurers to provide coverage for medically necessary expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a necessary medical treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility to an enrollee or insured.</p>	<p><u>Location:</u> Assembly Appropriations suspense file</p> <p><u>Last action:</u> May 8, 2013, to Appropriations suspense file.</p> <p><u>Hearing date:</u> May 24, 2013</p>

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<p><u>AB 1018 (Conway)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, March 21, 2013</p>	<p><u>Income taxes: deduction: medical expenses</u></p> <p>Creates income tax deduction for specified medical expenses including preventative care as term is used in Section 223(c)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code, relating to high deductible health plans. (This IRC section pertains to health savings accounts and provides that plans that do not provide a deductible for preventive care may be treated as high deductible plans.)</p> <p>Note: Would take effect immediately as tax levy.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Revenue and Tax Committee</p> <p>Last action: May 6, 2103: Hearing canceled at request of author.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>AB 1087 (Torres)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced, February 22, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal: California's Bridge to Reform Demonstration</u></p> <p>Spot bill amending Section Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14180 regarding Medi-Cal demonstration projects.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly 2 year</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>AB 1129 (Gaines)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced February 22, 2013</p>	<p><u>Income tax: health savings accounts</u></p> <p>Would conform California law to federal law governing health savings accounts for tax years beginning Jan. 1, 2013.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Revenue and Taxation</p> <p>Last action: May 13, 2103: Held under submission.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>

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<p><u>AB 1180 (Pan)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended, May 2, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: federally eligible defined individuals: conversion or continuation of coverage</u></p> <p>Existing laws that provide for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and make a willful violation of the act a crime; that provide for the regulation of health insurers by the Insurance Commissioner; that require a health care service plan or a health insurer offering individual plan contracts or individual insurance policies to fairly and affirmatively offer, market, and sell certain individual contracts and policies to all federally eligible defined individuals, as defined, in each service area in which the plan or insurer provides or arranges for the provision of health care services; and that prohibit the premium for those policies and contracts from exceeding the premium paid by a subscriber of the California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program who is of the same age and resides in the same geographic region as the federally eligible defined individual, as specified would be applicable only to individual grandfathered health plans, as defined, previously issued to federally eligible defined individuals, unless and until specified provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) are amended or repealed, as specified.</p> <p>Would require a plan or insurer to notify persons enrolled in an individual health benefit plan or insurance policy that is not grandfathered with 60 day's notice prior to the renewal date.</p> <p>(URGENCY)</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Third Reading</p> <p>Last action: May 20, 2013: Read 2nd time . Ordered to 3rd reading.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>AB 1233 (Chesbro)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended April 23, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal: Administrative Claiming process</u></p> <p>Would authorize a Native American Indian tribe, a tribal organization, or a subgroup of a Native American Indian tribe or tribal organization to facilitate Medi-Cal eligibility determinations using the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System as a Medi-Cal Administrative Activities -specific activity.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Third Reading</p> <p>Last action: May 20, 2013, Read second time. Ordered to 3rd reading.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>

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<p><u>AB 1428 (Conway)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As introduced April 30, 2013</p>	<p><u>California Health Benefit Exchange: employees and contractors (fingerprinting)</u></p> <p>Would require all employees, prospective employees, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors, who facilitate enrollment of persons in a qualified health plan in the Exchange and who, in the course and scope of their employment, have access to the financial or medical information of enrollees or potential enrollees, to be fingerprinted, at appropriate locations determined by the board, for the purpose of obtaining criminal history information.</p> <p>Would prohibit a person who has been convicted of felony crimes of dishonesty or breach of trust in a state or federal jurisdiction or other specified crimes from being hired by or contracting with the Exchange for the purpose of facilitating enrollment of persons in a qualified health plan in the Exchange or for any position where, in the course and scope of his or her employment, he or she will have access to the financial or medical information of enrollees or potential enrollees of the Exchange.</p> <p>Would also require an applicant to notify the Exchange of any prescribed misdemeanor or felony convictions, filing of charges, or administrative actions.</p> <p>(URGENCY)</p> <p>Fingerprinting bill: companion to ABX1 3 (Conway) and SBX1 4 (Emmerson)</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Health</p> <p>Last action: May 6, 2013: Referred to Assembly Health</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>

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<p><u>SB 18 (Hernandez)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 17, 2013</p>	<p>California Health Benefits Review Program: health insurance.</p> <p>Would include essential health benefits (EHB) and the impact on the California Health Benefit Exchange in the areas to be reported on by the California Health Benefits Review Program established by the University of California.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Health</p> <p>Last Action: May 20, 2013, Referred to committee on Health</p> <p>Hearing Date: None set.</p>
<p><u>SB 22 (Beall)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended April 2, 2013</p>	<p>Health Care Coverage: Mental Health Parity</p> <p>Requires every health care plan, contractor, and health insurer to submit annual report to the DMHC or Department of Insurance certifying compliance with federal and state law providing parity of benefits for mental health and addiction treatment and survey enrollees effective July 1, 2014.</p> <p>Would require reports to be a public record available upon request and to be published on the Department's Internet Web site.</p> <p>Would prohibit the inclusion of any information that may individually identify enrollees or insureds in the reports submitted to the respective departments.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 17, 2013: Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>
<p><u>SB 28 (Hernandez, Steinberg)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, May 13, 2013</p>	<p>California Health Benefit Exchange</p> <p>Would require the California Major Risk Medical Insurance Board to provide the Exchange, or its designee, with specified information of subscribers and applicants of the Major Risk Medical Insurance Program and the temporary high risk pool in order to assist the Exchange in conducting outreach to those subscribers and applicants.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Desk</p> <p>Last Action: May 16, 2013: In Assembly.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>

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<p><u>SB 126 (Steinberg)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced, January 22, 2012</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: pervasive developmental disorder or autism</u></p> <p>Extends mandate on health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide benefits for behavioral health treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism to July 1, 2019 and repeals these provisions on January 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Location: Assembly Desk</p> <p>Last Action: May 16, 2013: In Assembly.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>SB 161 (Hernandez)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, April 25, 2013</p>	<p><u>Stop-loss insurance coverage</u></p> <p>Would prohibit a stop-loss insurer from excluding any employee or dependent on the basis of actual or expected health status-related factors, as specified.</p> <p>Would require a stop-loss insurer to renew, at the option of the small employer, all stop-loss insurance policies.</p> <p>Bars stop-loss insurance issued on or after January 1, 2014, to a small employer from containing any of the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual attachment point for a policy year that is less than \$65,000. • An aggregate attachment point for a policy year that is less than the greater of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$13,000 times the total number of covered employees and dependents. ○ 120% of expected claims. ○ \$65,000. ○ A provision for direct coverage of an employee or dependent of an employee 	<p>Location: Senate 3rd reading.</p> <p>Last Action: May 15, 2013: Read 2nd time. Ordered to 3rd reading.</p> <p>Hearing date: None set.</p>
<p><u>SB 189 (Monning)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended, May 8, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: wellness programs</u></p> <p>Until January 2, 2020, prescribes conditions for wellness programs offered by group health plans or group health insurance plans and bars programs that lead to cost shifting from employer to employee.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 20, 2013: Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>

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<p><u>SB 249 (Leno)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended April 16, 2013</p>	<p><u>Public health: health records: confidentiality</u></p> <p>Would require laboratories, upon request by the department, to report cases of HIV infection by name directly to the department in addition to reports to the local health officer.</p> <p>Would authorize local public health agency staff to further disclose acquired or developed information to the HIV-positive person who is the subject of the record or the health care provider who provides his or her HIV care, for that purpose.</p> <p>Would authorize the State Department of Public Health, subject to specified provisions, to share with qualified entities, as defined, health records involving the diagnosis, care, and treatment of HIV or AIDS related to a beneficiary enrolled in federal Ryan White Act-funded programs who may be eligible for services under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), as specified.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 17, 2013: Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>
<p><u>SB 320 (Beall)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended April 3, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: acquired brain injury</u></p> <p>Would bar health plans from denying coverage for medically necessary medical or rehabilitation treatment for an acquired brain injury at health care facilities within a plan's or insurer's network effective January 1, 2014.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 17, 2013: Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>
<p><u>SB 332 (Emmerson)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended May 16, 2013</p>	<p><u>California Health Benefit Exchange: records (Transparency)</u></p> <p>Would make open to public inspection the impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes, research, work product, theories, or strategy of the board governing the Exchange or its staff, or records that provide instructions, advice, or training to employees. The bill would provide that the one year exemption from disclosure for contracts with participating carriers apply to those contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the bill. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p> <p>(URGENCY)</p>	<p>Location: Senate Rules</p> <p>Last Action: May 16, 2013: From committee with author's amendments. Re-referred to Committee on Rules</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>

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<p><u>SB 351 (Hernandez)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended April 23, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: hospital billing</u></p> <p>Would, until January 1, 2019, require a diagnosis and billing outlier hospital, as defined, and a hospital that is part of a diagnosis and billing outlier health system, as defined, to notify the patient and all payers of that status and that the hospital's total billed charges may be subject to adjustment.</p> <p>Would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, until January 1, 2019, to assign each hospital, as defined, a separate diagnosis and billing indicator rate for 4 specified disorders and to calculate a hospital's diagnosis and billing indicator rate for each of those disorders.</p> <p>Would require the office to post specified information on its Internet Web site by January 15, 2014.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 17, 2013: Place on suspense file.</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>
<p><u>SB 353 (Lieu)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended April 16, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage: language assistance</u></p> <p>Would require health plans and health insurers that advertise or market in language other than English that do not meet enrollment thresholds specified in current law to provide specified communications and documents in that language, using trained and qualified translators.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill would require health insurers to file advertisements with the Department of Insurance at least 30 days before use, subject to CDI approval.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 17, 2013: Placed on suspense file.</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>
<p><u>SB 456 (Padilla)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced February 21, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage</u></p> <p>Spot bill amending Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975.</p>	<p>Location: Senate 2 year</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>

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<p><u>SB 494 (Monning)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended April 3, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care providers</u></p> <p>In the case of managed care and insurance plans that assign up to 2,000 enrollees or insureds to each full-time equivalent primary care physician, would authorize the assignment of an additional 1,750 enrollees or insureds, as specified, to a primary care physician if that physician supervises one or more nonphysician medical practitioners.</p> <p>Relative to Medi-Cal, would add pediatrician, physician, nonphysician medical practitioner to the definition of primary care provider and define a nonphysician medical practitioner as a physician assistant performing services under physician supervision, as specified, or as a nurse practitioner performing services in collaboration with a physician.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 17, 2013: Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>
<p><u>SB 508 (Hernandez)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced February 21, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health disparity report</u></p> <p>Mandates the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development and the Health and Human Services Agency develop a health disparity report based upon the inpatient hospital discharge data and provide to the Legislature by January 1, 2016.</p> <p>The bill would require the report to focus on eight medical conditions consistent with the Healthy People 2020 priorities such as cardiovascular disease and breast cancer.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Health Committee - Senate 2 Yr.</p> <p>Hearing Date: None set</p>
<p><u>SB 509 (DeSaulnier)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended April 22, 2013</p>	<p><u>Fingerprinting</u></p> <p>Authorizes the board to fingerprint employees, prospective employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, or vendors for the purposes of obtaining prescribed criminal history information. Requires the fingerprints be submitted to the Department of Justice and for the department to forward to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) requests for federal summary criminal history information, and would require the department to review the information returned from the FBI and compile and disseminate a response to the board.</p> <p>(URGENCY)</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 20, 2013, Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>

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<p><u>SB 639 (Hernandez)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended April 9, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health care coverage</u></p> <p>Conforms California law to federal requirements for individual and small group plans effective on or after January 1, 2014, relative to metal actuarial value tiers, out-of-pocket limits and small group deductible limits. Allows small group plans to exceed deductible limits to achieve bronze AV.</p> <p>For non-grandfathered large group plans (except specialized health care service plan contracts), limits out-of-pocket expenses pursuant to ACA Section 1302(c) and implementing federal rules and guidance.</p> <p>Bars sale of catastrophic plans in individual market by plan issuers not participating in exchange marketplace.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 17, 2013: Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>
<p><u>SB 703 (Hernandez)</u></p> <p>Version: As introduced February 22, 2013</p>	<p><u>Medi-Cal</u></p> <p>Spot bill stating legislative intent to enact legislation that would make necessary improvements to the Medi-Cal program.</p>	<p>Location: Senate 2 year</p> <p>Hearing date: None set</p>
<p><u>SB 780 (Jackson)</u></p> <p>Version: As amended May 8, 2013</p>	<p><u>Health Care Coverage</u></p> <p>Would delete the requirements with regard to preferred provider organizations. The bill would change the timing of the 75-day filing to 45 days prior to the termination date for a contract between a health care service plan that is not a health maintenance organization and a provider group or general acute care hospital, and would not prohibit the plan from sending the notice to the enrollees prior to the filing being reviewed and approved by the Department of Managed Health Care. The bill would distinguish between enrollees of an assigned group provider and enrollees of an unassigned group provider for purposes of whether the filing is required to be submitted to the department.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 20, 2013: Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>

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<p><u>SB 800 (Lara)</u></p> <p><u>Version:</u> As amended April 24, 2013</p>	<p><u>California Health Benefit Exchange: outreach services</u></p> <p>Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to provide the Exchange with specified contact information of individuals who are not enrolled in Medi-Cal but who are the parents or caretakers of children enrolled in the Healthy Families Program or the Medi-Cal program due to a transition from the Healthy Families Program, as specified, to assist the Exchange to conduct outreach to individuals potentially eligible for a state health subsidy program, as defined.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Last Action: May 17, 2013: Placed on suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date: May 23, 2013</p>