



Health and Human Services Conference Committee on AB 74

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Issue

Description

Issue 1: Healthy California for All Commission

Governor proposed reversion of General Fund expenditure authority of \$5 million approved in the 2018 Budget Act for the Council on Health Care Delivery Systems. Proposed a new General Fund appropriation of \$5 million and trailer bill language to rename the council the Healthy California for All Commission and adjust its responsibilities to evaluate options to transition to a single-payer health care financing system.

Senate approved the reversion and new appropriation and adopted placeholder trailer bill language, consistent with the Governor's proposal.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is the \$5 million reversion, new appropriation of \$5 million, and trailer bill language for the Healthy California for All Commission.

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Issue 2: Office of Healthy and Safe Communities

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved General Fund expenditure authority of \$6 million to establish the Office of Healthy and Safe Communities under the direction of the Surgeon General.

Conference issue is General Fund expenditure authority of \$6 million and establishment of the Office of Healthy and Safe Communities under the direction of the Surgeon General.

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Issue 3: State of the State's Public Health

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved two positions and General Fund expenditure authority of \$318,000 for the Surgeon General to annually report public health data to the Legislature that describes the state of the state's public health.

Conference issue is two positions and General Fund expenditure authority of \$318,000 for the Surgeon General to annually report public health data to the Legislature that describes the state of the state's public health.

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Issue 4: Mental Health Workforce Development

Governor proposed one-time General Fund expenditure authority of \$50 million, available until June 30, 2025, to support mental health workforce development through existing loan repayment and scholarship programs administered by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

Senate adopted the Governor’s proposal, but allocated \$1 million to provide loan repayments for former foster youth serving as mental health providers in public facilities or provider shortage areas. Approved \$2.7 million of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds for psychiatry fellowships.

Assembly adopted the Governor’s proposal, but set aside \$750,000 to provide loan repayments for former foster youth and \$2.7 million to fund psychiatry fellowships.

Conference issues are 1) the amount of expenditure authority set aside for former foster youth serving as mental health providers (\$750,000 or \$1 million), and 2) the funding source for psychiatry fellowships (General Fund or MHSA funds).

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Issue 5: Public Use File Access

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly adopted placeholder trailer bill language to restore access to Public Use Files, consistent with past practice.

Conference issue is restoration of access to Public Use Files, consistent with past practice.

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Issue 6: Reversion – All Payer Claims Database Excess Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate reverted \$50 million of the \$60 million General Fund appropriation in the 2018 Budget Act allocated to implement an all payer claims database.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issues is reversion of \$50 million General Fund.

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Issue 7: Managed Care Organization (MCO) Enrollment Tax

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved total General Fund savings of \$1.4 billion in 2019-20, and \$1.8 billion in 2020-21 and 2021-22, and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to extend the MCO enrollment tax. The 2019-20 savings assumes a three-month lag in tax collections.

Assembly approved total General Fund savings of \$858 million in 2019-20, and \$1.8 billion in 2020-21 and 2021-22, and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to extend the MCO enrollment tax. The 2019-20 savings assumes a six-month lag in tax collections.

Conference issue is total General Fund savings in 2019-20 (\$1.4 billion or \$858 million) based on whether the assumed lag in tax collections should be three months or six months.

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Issue 8: Full-Scope Medi-Cal for Undocumented Adults

Governor proposed:

- 1) \$98 million (\$74.3 million General Fund) for expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal coverage for young adults age 19-25, regardless of immigration status.
- 2) Trailer bill language to implement coverage expansion January 1, 2020, and withhold 100 percent of 1991 Realignment revenue from County Medical Services Program (CMSP) counties until the CMSP reserve is reduced to the equivalent of two years of expenditures. After the CMSP reserve reaches this level, the state would redirect 75 percent of realignment revenue ongoing.

Senate:

- 1) Approved \$98 million (\$74.3 million General Fund) for expansion to young adults ages 19-25, regardless of immigration status.
- 2) Approved \$62.5 million (\$49.6 million General Fund) for expansion to seniors, regardless of immigration status.
- 3) Adopted placeholder trailer bill language to implement the expansion to both populations, provide for the Governor’s proposed withholding of 1991 Realignment revenue, and increase eligibility regardless of immigration status by one year of age each calendar year, beginning with eligibility for individuals age 26 in January 2021.

Assembly:

- 1) Approved \$98 million (\$74.3 million General Fund) for expansion to young adults ages 19-25, regardless of immigration status.
- 2) Adopted placeholder trailer bill language to implement expansion to young adults and provide for the Governor’s proposed withholding of 1991 Realignment revenue, but increasing the funding CMSP receives, above the Governor’s proposal, after it reaches the required reserve level.

Conference issues are:

- 1) Expansion of eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to income-eligible seniors regardless of immigration status.
- 2) Percent redirection of realignment revenues (75 percent or 60 percent) from CMSP counties after reserves reach the required threshold.
- 3) Expansion of eligibility regardless of immigration status by one year of age each calendar year.

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Issue 9: Proposition (Prop) 56 Supplemental Provider Rates

Governor proposed \$2.2 billion (\$769.5 million Prop 56) for supplemental rate increases for physicians, dentists, women’s health, intermediate care facilities-developmental disabilities (ICF-DDs), HIV/AIDS Waiver providers, and home health providers; \$500 million (\$50 million Prop 56) for family planning services in Medi-Cal; and to sunset all Prop 56 investments on December 31, 2021.

Senate approved funding for supplemental provider rate increases and family planning and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to direct family planning funding for specific purposes, require DHCS to seek three-year federal approval for supplemental rate increases, and eliminate the statutory cap for reimbursement of clinical labs. Rejected the Governor’s proposed sunset of Prop 56 investments.

Assembly:

- 1) Approved funding for supplemental provider rate increases and family planning and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to direct family planning funding for specific purposes, require DHCS to seek three-year federal approval for supplemental rate increases and collect unspent Prop 56 funds from managed care plans, and eliminate statutory cap for clinical labs and durable medical equipment.
- 2) Approved \$80 million Prop 56 to increase rates for ICF-DDs, pediatric subacute facilities, CBAS, non-emergency medical transportation, hospital-based pediatric physician services, and eliminated statutory cap for clinical labs and durable medical equipment.

Conference issues are:

- 1) \$80 million Prop 56 to increase rates for ICF-DDs, pediatric subacute facilities, CBAS, non-emergency medical transportation, hospital-based pediatric services, and eliminate statutory cap for clinical laboratories and durable medical equipment.
- 2) Trailer bill language to require DHCS to collect technically unspent Prop 56 funds from managed care plans.
- 3) Sunset of Prop 56 investments on December 31, 2021.

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Issue 10: Proposition 56 One-Time Investments

Governor proposed:

- 1) \$544.2 million (\$250 million Prop 56) for a Value-Based Payments program.
- 2) \$105 million (\$52.5 million Prop 56) for developmental and trauma screenings.
- 3) \$50 million (\$25 million Prop 56) for provider training to deliver trauma screenings.
- 4) \$120 million Prop 56 funds for additional awards in the Physicians and Dentists Loan Repayment Program through CalHealthCares.

Senate:

- 1) Approved funding for the Value-Based Payments program, developmental and trauma screenings, provider training, and loan repayment.
- 2) Adopted placeholder trailer bill language to implement the Value-Based Payments program.

Assembly:

- 1) Reduced Value-Based Payments funding to \$170 million Prop 56, approved funding for developmental and trauma screenings, provider training, and loan repayment.
- 2) Adopted placeholder trailer bill language to implement the Value-Based Payments program, allowing federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) to participate.

Conference issues are:

- 1) Funding level for Value-Based Payments program (\$250 million or \$170 million)
- 2) Trailer bill language to allow FQHCs to participate in the Value-Based Payments program.

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Issue 11: Restoration of Medi-Cal Optional Benefits

Governor proposed \$33.4 million (\$11.3 million Prop 56) to restore optical benefits in Medi-Cal beginning January 1, 2020.

Senate:

- 1) Approved \$33.4 million (\$11.3 million Prop 56) to restore optical benefits in Medi-Cal beginning January 1, 2020.
- 2) Approved \$21.1 million (\$6.1 million General Fund) and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to restore the following Medi-Cal benefits beginning January 1, 2020: audiology, incontinence creams/washes, podiatry, and speech therapy.

Assembly:

- 1) Rejected Governor’s proposed restoration of optical benefits in Medi-Cal with Prop 56 funds.
- 2) Approved \$38.9 million (\$18 million General Fund) and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to restore the following Medi-Cal benefits beginning January 1, 2020: audiology, chiropractic, incontinence creams/washes, optical, podiatry, and speech therapy.

Conference issues are:

- 1) Funding source for restoration of optical benefits in Medi-Cal (Prop 56 or General Fund).
- 2) List of additional benefits proposed for restoration.

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Issue 12: Whole Person Care Housing Services

Governor proposed \$100 million General Fund in 2019-20 to provide funding for supportive housing services in Whole Person Care pilot counties.

Senate approved Governor’s requested funding for supportive housing services.

Assembly approved Governor’s requested funding for supportive housing services and adopted placeholder trailer bill to require the department to work with counties on the allocation methodology, target the funds, and ensure flexibility.

Conference issue is trailer bill language to require the department to work with counties on the allocation methodology, to target the funds, and to ensure flexibility.

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Issue 13: Non-Whole Person Care Counties Funding

Governor proposed \$20 million Mental Health Services Fund in 2019-20 for counties without Whole Person Care pilots to develop and implement programs to focus on coordinating health, behavioral health, and social services for individuals with mental illness and who are homeless, or at risk for homelessness.

Senate approved Governor’s requested funding from the Mental Health Services Fund.

Assembly approved Governor’s requested funding, but from the General Fund, rather than Mental Health Services Fund.

Conference issue is the funding source (General Fund or Mental Health Services Fund) for counties without Whole Person Care pilots to develop and implement programs to focus on coordinating health, behavioral health, and social services for individuals with mental illness and who are homeless, or at risk for homelessness.

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Issue 14: Strengthening Fiscal Estimates & Cash Flow Monitoring

Governor requested 25 positions and expenditure authority of \$3.8 million (\$1.8 million General Fund and \$2 million federal funds) in 2019-20 and \$3.6 million (\$1.7 million General Fund and \$1.9 million federal funds) annually thereafter for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to improve the accuracy of the Medi-Cal and Family Health Local Assistance Estimates and provide additional oversight and monitoring of the department’s cash flow.

Senate approved the Governor’s proposal as budgeted and adopt placeholder trailer bill language to: 1) provide regular updates on actual cash flows compared to estimates, 2) present to the Legislature a long-term plan for administrative changes to promote sound estimates and budget transparency, and 3) initiate a stakeholder process with legislative staff and the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) to identify possibilities for future changes.

Assembly Denied the Governor’s request.

Conference issues are:

- 1) Resources for DHCS to improve the accuracy of its local assistance estimates
- 2) Trailer bill language requiring more transparency on cash flows and directing DHCS to work with the Legislature and LAO to improve its budgeting processes.

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Issue 15: Managed Care Sanctions Trailer Bill Language

Governor proposed trailer bill language to clarify the Department of Health Care Services’ (DHCS) authority to impose sanctions on managed care plans, mental health plans, and substance use disorder plans.

Senate adopted placeholder trailer bill language, consistent with the Governor’s description of the pending trailer bill language.

Assembly rejected the Governor’s proposal without prejudice, as the language was unavailable.

Conference issue is trailer bill language to clarify DHCS’ authority to impose sanctions on managed care plans, mental health plans, and substance use disorder plans.

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Issue 16: Assisted Living Waiver Expansion

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved savings of \$47.1 million (\$23.6 million General Fund) in 2019-20, growing to \$304.1 million (\$152 million General Fund) by 2023-24, and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to phase-in an additional 10,756 slots in the Assisted Living Waiver program by March 1, 2023.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is expansion of slots in the Assisted Living Waiver and associated savings.

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Issue 17: Expand SBIRT to Opioids and Other Drugs

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$8.4 million (\$2.6 million General Fund) and adopt placeholder trailer bill language to expand the Medi-Cal benefit for screening, brief intervention, referral, and treatment (SBIRT) to include screening for the overuse of opioids and illicit drugs.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is the funding and trailer bill language to expand the Medi-Cal benefit for SBIRT to include screening for the overuse of opioids and illicit drugs.

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Issue 18: Substance Use Counselors in Emergency Departments

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$10 million General Fund ongoing to support the hiring of trained substance use disorder peer navigators and behavioral health peer navigators in emergency departments of acute care hospitals.

Assembly approved \$20 million General Fund one-time to support the hiring of trained substance use disorder peer navigators and behavioral health peer navigators in emergency departments of acute care hospitals.

Conference issue is the funding level (\$10 million or \$20 million) and length of time for funding (ongoing or one-time) to support the hiring of trained substance use disorder peer navigators and behavioral health peer navigators in emergency departments of acute care hospitals.

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Issue 19: Extension of Medi-Cal for Post-Partum Mental Health

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$8.6 million General Fund to support extension of Medi-Cal eligibility from 60 days to one year for post-partum women diagnosed with a mental health disorder.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is funding to support extension of Medi-Cal eligibility from 60 days to one year for post-partum women diagnosed with a mental health disorder.

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Issue 20: Children’s Crisis Residential Programs

Governor had no proposal.

Senate adopted placeholder trailer bill language to explicitly define Children’s Crisis Residential Programs as Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for the purposes of reimbursement.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is trailer bill language to explicitly define Children’s Crisis Residential Programs as Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for the purposes of reimbursement.

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Issue 21: Health Enrollment Navigators

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$60 million (\$30 million General Fund) one-time and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to support health enrollment navigators for two years to provide outreach, enrollment, retention, and utilization assistance in Medi-Cal.

Conference issue is funding and trailer bill language to support health enrollment navigators for two years to provide outreach, enrollment, retention, and utilization assistance in Medi-Cal.

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Issue 22: California Community Transitions

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$14.3 million General Fund in 2019-20 and \$19.1 million ongoing, offset by equivalent General Fund savings reflecting budget neutrality, to continue the California Community Transitions program, which supports individuals transitioning from nursing homes to the community.

Conference issue is budget neutral continuation of the California Community Transitions program, which supports individuals transitioning from nursing homes to the community.

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Issue 23: Friday Night Live Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$1 million General Fund one-time to expand the Friday Night Live Program statewide to prevent teen substance abuse.

Conference issue is funding to expand the Friday Night Live Program statewide to prevent teen substance abuse.

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Issue 24: Caregiver Resource Centers

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$30 million General Fund one-time to expand technology services statewide to all Caregiver Resource Centers, which provide support to family caregivers of adults needing assistance to allow them to remain in the community.

Conference issue is funding to expand technology services statewide to all Caregiver Resource Centers.

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Issue 25: Audiology Liaison

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$150,000 General Fund to fund one position to serve as a liaison between audiologists and the California Children’s Services program to reduce delays in treatment authorizations and reimbursements.

Conference issue is funding for a liaison between audiologists and the California Children’s Services program to reduce delays in treatment authorizations and reimbursements.

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Issue 26: County of Residence SUD Treatment Funding Disputes

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly adopted placeholder trailer bill language to establish a process for resolving county of residence substance use disorder treatment funding disputes.

Conference issue is trailer bill language to establish a process for resolving county of residence substance use disorder treatment disputes.

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Issue 27: Hospital Reimbursement for New High-Cost Drugs

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly adopted placeholder trailer bill language to establish a new reimbursement methodology for hospitals outside of the diagnosis-related group (DRG) payment system to account for the costs of newly-approved high-cost drugs.

Conference issue is trailer bill language to establish a new reimbursement methodology for hospitals outside of the diagnosis-related group (DRG) payment system to account for the costs of newly-approved high-cost drugs.

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Issue 28: Virtual Dental Homes Clarifying Language

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly adopted placeholder trailer bill language to clarify that clinics are not required to have a face-to-face visit with a dental patient to establish the patient as the clinic’s patient.

Conference issue is trailer bill language to clarify that clinics are not required to have a face-to-face visit with a dental patient to establish the patient as the clinic’s patient.

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Issue 29: Early Psychosis Research and Treatment

Governor proposed \$25 million General Fund one-time for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide grants to county mental health plans, nonprofit organizations, behavioral health providers, or academic institutions to identify and support appropriate interventions for California youth experiencing signs of early psychosis.

Senate rejected the Governor’s \$25 million General Fund allocation to DHCS and approved \$25 million General Fund for the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to fund its existing Early Psychosis Intervention Plus Program. Adopted placeholder trailer bill language to allow General Fund to be used for the program.

Assembly rejected the Governor’s \$25 million General Fund allocation to DHCS and approved \$20 million Mental Health Services Fund for the MHSOAC to fund its existing Early Psychosis Intervention Plus Program. Adopted placeholder trailer bill language to allow General Fund to be used for the program.

Conference issue is the funding level (\$25 million or \$20 million) and funding source (General Fund or Mental Health Services Fund) for the Early Psychosis Intervention Plus Program at MHSOAC.

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Issue 30: Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Funding

Governor proposed \$2 million General Fund ongoing to provide funding to local health jurisdictions for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Senate approved \$20 million General Fund ongoing and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to strengthen statutory guidance on the effective distribution of local assistance funds for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Assembly approved \$12 million General Fund ongoing and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to strengthen statutory guidance on the effective distribution of local assistance funds for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Conference issue is the funding level (\$20 million or \$12 million) for local health jurisdiction for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

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Issue 31: Comprehensive HIV Prevention Resources

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$20 million General Fund ongoing and adopted placeholder trailer bill language for grants to local health jurisdictions and community-based organizations for comprehensive HIV prevention resources.

Assembly approved \$10 million General Fund ongoing and adopted placeholder trailer bill language for grants to local health jurisdictions and community-based organizations for comprehensive HIV prevention resources.

Conference issue is the level of funding (\$20 million or \$10 million) for comprehensive HIV prevention resources.

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Issue 32: Hepatitis C Prevention Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$10 million General Fund ongoing and adopted placeholder trailer bill language for Hepatitis C prevention programs.

Conference issue is the funding and trailer bill language for Hepatitis C prevention programs.

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Issue 33: Alzheimer’s Early Detection and Diagnosis Infrastructure

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$10 million General Fund one-time for grants to build statewide public health infrastructure to support early detection and timely diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease.

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- 1) Approved \$10 million General Fund one-time for grants to build statewide public health infrastructure to support early detection and timely diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease.
- 2) Approved \$5 million General Fund one-time to fund respite care for people with Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementias through the California Care Corps.

Conference issue is the funding for respite care for people with Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementias through the California Care Corps.

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Issue 34: Safe Cosmetics Program Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$1.5 million General Fund in 2019-20 and \$500,000 ongoing to increase staffing for enforcement and program improvement activities in the Safe Cosmetics Program administered by the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is the funding to increase staffing for enforcement and program improvement activities in the Safe Cosmetics Program administered by DPH.

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Issue 35: Lesbian, Bisexual, and Queer Women’s Health

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$17.5 million General Fund one-time to support a local comprehensive grant program to address Lesbian, Bisexual, and Queer (LBQ) women’s health disparities and to fund research targeting LBQ women’s health needs and an inventory of existing programs.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is the funding to support a local comprehensive grant program to address Lesbian, Bisexual, and Queer (LBQ) women’s health disparities and to fund research targeting LBQ women’s health needs and an inventory of existing programs.

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Issue 36: California Immunization Registry

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$2.4 million General Fund ongoing to provide full funding for the California Immunization Registry, administered by the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is the funding for the California Immunization Registry, administered by DPH.

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Issue 37: Integrity of Healthcare Facility Inspections

Governor had no proposal.

Senate adopted placeholder trailer bill language to allow employees of entities inspected by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to have the right to discuss possible regulatory violations or patient safety concerns with an inspector privately during the course of an investigation or inspection.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is the trailer bill language to allow employees of entities inspected by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to have the right to discuss possible regulatory violations or patient safety concerns with an inspector privately during the course of an investigation or inspection.

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Issue 38: Mental Health Disparities Reduction

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly

- 1) Approved \$5 million General Fund one-time for a competitive grant program on reducing disparities innovation projects.
- 2) Approved \$3 million Mental Health Services Fund ongoing for technical assistance to counties on reducing disparities.

Conference issues

- 1) One-time funding for a competitive grant program on reducing disparities innovation projects.
- 2) Ongoing funding for technical assistance to counties on reducing disparities.

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Issue 39: Sickle Cell Disease Centers of Excellence

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$15 million General Fund one-time and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to establish Centers of Excellence to provide care to adults with Sickle Cell Disease throughout the state.

Conference issue is the funding and trailer bill language to establish Centers of Excellence to provide care to adults with Sickle Cell Disease throughout the state.

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Issue 40: Parkinson’s Registry Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$10 million General Fund ongoing and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to support establishment and operation of the Parkinson’s Disease Registry.

Conference issue is the funding and trailer bill language to support establishment and operation of the Parkinson’s Disease Registry.

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Issue 41: Peer Navigators in Harm Reduction Programs

Governor had no proposal.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$15.2 million General Fund one-time and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to support peer navigators in harm reduction programs to reach people who use drugs who are not in treatment and assist them with linkage to health care services.

Conference issue is the funding and trailer bill language to support peer navigators in harm reduction programs to reach people who use drugs who are not in treatment and assist them with linkage to health care services.

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Issue 42: Syringe Access Program Amendments

Governor had no proposal.

Senate adopted placeholder trailer bill language updating and clarifying requirements for the syringe access program.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is the trailer bill language updating and clarifying requirements for the syringe access program.

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Issue 43: California Home Visiting and Black Infant Health

Governor

- 1) Proposed \$45.9 million (\$23 million General Fund and \$22.9 million reimbursements) for expansion of the California Home Visiting Program. Of these funds, \$4 million would be allocated for state operations and \$41.9 million for local assistance. Reimbursements are the result of federal financial participation received through providing services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.
- 2) Proposed \$19.5 million (\$7.5 million General Fund and \$12 million reimbursements) for expansion of the Black Infant Health Program. Of these funds, \$1.8 million would be allocated for state operations and \$17.7 million for local assistance. Reimbursements are the result of federal financial participation received through providing services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Senate

- 1) Approved \$45.9 million for expansion of the California Home Visiting Program, but redirected \$2 million General Fund offset by additional federal funding from state operations to local assistance.
- 2) Approved \$19.5 million for expansion of the Black Infant Health Program, but redirected \$250,000 General Fund offset by additional federal funding from state operations to local assistance.

Assembly approved the Governor’s request funding allocations for expansion of the California Home Visiting and Black Infant Health Programs.

Conference issue is redirection of General Fund resources offset by additional federal funds to provide additional local assistance funding.

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Issue 44: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention IT Project

Governor Proposed \$8 million from the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund and eight positions to support the development and implementation of the Surveillance, Health, Intervention, and Environmental Lead Database (SHIELD) Information Technology Project.

Senate approved the Governor’s request as budgeted.

Assembly approved the Governor’s requested funding and positions and adopted placeholder budget bill language to require notification to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of completion of Stages 3 and 4 of the California Department of Technology’s Project Approval Lifecycle (PAL) prior to authorization of expenditures.

Conference issue is budget bill language to require notification to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of completion of Stages 3 and 4 of the California Department of Technology’s Project Approval Lifecycle (PAL) prior to authorization of expenditures.

4560 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

Issue	Description
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Issue 45: Mental Health Triage Grants

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$12 million Mental Health Services Fund ongoing to restore mental health triage grant funding that was reduced in the 2018 Budget Act.

Assembly approved \$15 million Mental Health Services Fund ongoing to provide incentive grants to counties.

Conference issue is the level of ongoing funding (\$12 million or \$15 million) and purposes for which the funding may be used (mental health triage grant funding only or a more diverse array of services).

4560 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

Issue	Description
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Issue 46: Commission Transparency, Technical Assistance, Staffing
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Governor had no proposal.

Senate:

- 1) Approved \$2 million Mental Health Services Fund annually to allow the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to extend its work improving transparency for all mental health funding.
- 2) Approved extension of \$2.5 million Mental Health Services Fund annually beginning in 2020-21 for innovation incubators.
- 3) Approved \$5 million Mental Health Services Fund annually to fund technical assistance centers to support counties' high-priority needs.
- 4) Approved \$670,000 Mental Health Services Fund annually to support stakeholder advocacy contracts for immigrants and refugees.
- 5) Approved \$598,000 Mental Health Services Fund annually to support oversight and monitoring of prevention and early intervention programs required pursuant to SB 1004 (Wiener), Chapter 843, Statutes of 2018.

Assembly:

- 1) Approved \$2 million Mental Health Services Fund annually to allow the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to extend its work improving transparency for all mental health funding.
- 2) Approved extension of \$2.75 million Mental Health Services Fund annually beginning in 2020-21 for innovation incubators.
- 3) Approved \$5 million Mental Health Services Fund one-time to fund technical assistance centers to support counties' high-priority needs.
- 4) Approved \$670,000 Mental Health Services Fund annually to support stakeholder advocacy contracts for immigrants and refugees.
- 5) Approved \$600,000 Mental Health Services Fund annually to support oversight and monitoring of prevention and early intervention programs required pursuant to SB 1004 (Wiener), Chapter 843, Statutes of 2018.

Conference issue is the level of funding (\$2.5 million or \$2.75 million) beginning in 2020-21 for innovation incubators.

4560 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

Issue	Description
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Issue 47: Commission Membership Technical Cleanup Language

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved placeholder trailer bill language to correct an inadvertent change to the Senate’s authority to appoint members to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), referring to the “Chairperson of the Senate Health or Human Services Committee” rather than the current erroneous language referring to the “Chairpersons of the Senate Health and Human Services Committees”.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is the trailer bill language to correct an inadvertent change to the Senate’s authority to appoint members to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), referring to the “Chairperson of the Senate Health or Human Services Committee” rather than the current erroneous language referring to the “Chairpersons of the Senate Health and Human Services Committees”.

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Issue 48: Relocation to the Clifford L. Allenby Building

Governor proposed \$8.3 million General Fund in 2019-20, \$3.6 million in 2020-21, \$3.9 million in 2021-22 and 2022-23, and \$4.2 million annually thereafter for the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) to relocate to the new Clifford L. Allenby Building in January 2021. The Governor also proposed budget bill language to exempt document imaging or archival services from certain provisions of the Public Contract Code, the State Contracting Manual, and oversight by the Department of General Services (DGS).

Senate approved the Governor’s request as budgeted.

Assembly approved the Governor’s funding request, with modified budget bill language to exempt DDS and DSH from the requirement to use the DGS for document scanning, archival, and destruction related to the move, and not to exempt DSH entirely from the Public Contract Code.

Conference issue is modified budget bill language to exempt DDS and DSH from the requirement to use the DGS for document scanning, archival, and destruction related to the move, not to exempt DSH entirely from the Public Contract Code.

4440 Department of State Hospitals

Issue	Description
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Issue 49: Hospital Police Officer Academy

Governor proposed \$5.8 million General Fund ongoing and three positions for the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) to continue its specialized Hospital Police Officer (HPO) Academy.

Senate approved the Governor's request as budgeted.

Assembly approved \$5.8 million General Fund annually for three years and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to require an annual report from DSH on the status of the HPO workforce.

Conference issue is the timing of funding (ongoing or three-years) and trailer bill language to require an annual report from DSH on the status of the HPO workforce.

Issue	Description
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Issue 50: Vocational Services and Patient Minimum Wage

Governor proposed \$3.2 million General Fund annually and one position to standardize the Department of State Hospitals’ (DSH) wage structure across patient-worker commitment types and hospitals and to continue patient vocational rehabilitation treatment programs.

Senate approved the Governor’s request and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to prohibit DSH from sweeping patient funds earned in vocational rehabilitation or other programs to support housing and treatment costs.

Assembly approved the Governor’s request as budgeted.

Conference issue is trailer bill language to prohibit DSH from sweeping patient funds earned in vocational rehabilitation or other programs to support housing and treatment costs.

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Issue 51: Premium Affordability Assistance and Mandate Penalty

Governor proposed:

- 1) \$295.3 million General Fund in 2019-20, \$330.4 million in 2020-21, and \$379.9 million in 2021-22 for premium assistance subsidies in Covered California for individuals and families earning between 200 and 600 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- 2) Proposed trailer bill language with the following program design components: a) imposes an individual mandate penalty for individuals that do not purchase minimum essential coverage, b) requires consumers to reconcile subsidies on their income tax returns, c) adjusts subsidy levels in coverage years 2021 and 2022 to maintain a budget-neutral subsidy program funded by penalty revenue, d) exempts from the penalty individuals with hardships, such as short coverage gaps, low incomes, unaffordable coverage, and members of health care sharing ministries, consistent with the federal penalty.

Senate:

- 1) Approved \$595.3 million General Fund in 2019-20, \$630.4 million in 2020-21, and \$679.9 million in 2021-22 for premium assistance subsidies in Covered California for individuals and families earning up to 600 percent of the FPL.
- 2) Adopted placeholder trailer bill language with the following changes to the Governor’s proposed program design: a) eliminates adjustment of subsidy levels to maintain budget neutrality, b) implements the individual mandate penalty only in years in which the state or federal government provide premium assistance at or exceeding a specified threshold, c) exempts consumers from reconciliation on their income tax returns if the reconciliation amount is less than a specified threshold, d) exempts individuals eligible for Medi-Cal from the individual mandate penalty, e) requires the Franchise Tax Board to annually report statistics on individuals required to pay the individual mandate penalty, f) sunsets the Governor’s proposed exemption from the Administrative Procedures Act in three years, g) eliminates exemptions from the individual mandate penalty for health care sharing ministries.

Assembly approved the Governor’s requested funding level in Item 9901 for disposition in future legislation and deferred consideration of the trailer bill language to the policy bill process without prejudice towards the Governor’s proposals.

Conference issue is the level of funding for Covered California subsidies (approximately \$600 million per year or \$300 million per year) and trailer bill language to revise the Governor’s proposal, including adjustments to maintain budget neutrality, implementation conditions and exemptions for the individual mandate penalty, requirements for consumer reconciliation of subsidies, and other components.

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Issue 52: Senior Nutrition Programs

Governor proposed an additional \$17.5 million in federal funds for the department, \$9.1 million of which was slated for Senior Nutrition programs, including congregate nutrition and Meals on Wheels programs administered by local Area Agencies on Aging.

Senate proposed an additional \$17.5 million General Fund ongoing for Senior Nutrition programs.

Assembly proposed an additional \$20 million General Fund one-time with budget bill language to allow for multi-year use of funds and allow use for infrastructure needs, waiting lists, and then expansion to address unmet senior hunger needs.

Conference issue is the ongoing versus one-time nature and level of funding for the Senior Nutrition programs.

Issue	Description
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Issue 53: Other Aging-Related Adjustments

Governor made no proposals for the items in this area.

Senate approved \$5 million ongoing to support the “No Wrong Door” model, and \$5 million one-time to support the Dignity at Home Fall Prevention program.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding for these two programs.

Issue	Description
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Issue 54: Funding for Administrative Support

Governor did not propose additional funding for administrative support of the California Senior Legislature.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$300,000 General Fund ongoing for staffing, office equipment, and expenses to support the California Senior Legislature.

Conference issue is whether to provide \$300,000 General Fund for administrative support.

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Issue 55: Stabilizing Services for Consumers

Governor proposed \$100 million General Fund, beginning January 1, 2020, for provider rate increases in four targeted service categories for developmental services on a two-year limited-term basis.¹ The Governor also proposed \$1.3 million General Fund for providers that deliver supported employment services under the Department of Rehabilitation.

Senate approved several actions equaling \$243.8 million General Fund in 2019-20 to stabilize services for consumers within the intellectual and developmentally disabled community. Approved actions include a rate increase of at least eight percent for all service providers, a restoration of social recreation and camp services, and allowing providers with a high local minimum wage to access rate adjustments associated with increase in state minimum wage.

Assembly approved several actions equaling \$149 million General Fund in 2019-20 to stabilize services for consumers within the intellectual and developmentally disabled community. Approved actions include a rate increase of 5.7 percent across-the-board, and restoration of social recreation and camp services, educational services for children aged three to seventeen, and nonmedical therapies.

Conference issue is how to (1) approach short and long-term provider rate needs in the developmental services system, (2) address provider access to state minimum wage adjustments, and (3) restore service exclusions made during a recession.

¹ Both Senate and Assembly rejected the Governor's proposed sunset date.

Issue	Description
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Issue 56: Regional Center Transparency and Oversight TBL

Governor proposed trailer bill language that would provide additional measures to enhance regional center and provider oversight, and facilitate implementation of the Governor’s May Revision proposal on rates, which will be discussed under a separate time.

Senate adopted placeholder trailer bill language to address transparency and accountability issues.

Assembly took no action in order to move the issue into conference and allow additional time for consideration.

Conference issue is whether to approve trailer bill language in whole or in parts.

4300 Department of Developmental Services

Issue	Description
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Issue 57: Safety Net Supports

Governor proposed \$7.3 million General Fund to enhance the system of crisis and safety net services.

Senate approved Governor’s proposed funding.

Assembly approved Governor’s proposed funding. In addition, the Assembly approved \$5 million General Fund one-time for additional supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and a severe mental health diagnosis.

Conference issue is whether to approve additional funding for support of individuals with co-occurring needs.

Issue	Description
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Issue 58: Increased Inspections of Child Care Centers

Governor proposed an additional 138 positions to improve the frequency of inspections of child care centers and family care homes. The 2018 Budget Act included \$26.4 million federal funds to fund these positions.

Senate approved the Governor’s proposal to increase positions.

Assembly approved the Governor’s proposal to increase positions, and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to require annual inspections, corresponding to the position approval.

Conference issue is whether to approve trailer bill language to require annual inspections.

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Issue 59: Bringing Families Home Program

Governor proposed to allow the reappropriation of unexpended funds provided in the 2017 Budget Act for the Bringing Families Home program. The program is intended to reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing homelessness, to increase family reunification, and prevent foster care placement.

Senate approved Governor’s proposal, and approved an additional \$10 million General Fund to be expended over three years to maintain the program.

Assembly approved the Governor’s proposal, and approved an additional \$25 million General Fund to be expended over three years to expand the program.

Conference issue is the amount of additional funding to provide for the Bringing Families Home program.

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Issue 60: CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program

Governor makes no new proposal related to the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program (HAP). HAP includes temporary assistance, which helps families pay the costs of temporary shelter, including motel vouchers. Support is provided for up to 16 consecutive days, which is restricted to one time every 12-month period.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$14.6 million General Fund ongoing and placeholder trailer bill language to allow the use of assistance for up to 16 cumulative days, instead of consecutive..

Conference issue is whether to provide funding and adopt trailer bill language to make the change from consecutive to cumulative.

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Issue 61: County Administrative Costs for CalFresh Expansion

Governor proposed \$15 million General Fund one-time for county administration efforts to process new CalFresh applicants related to the expansion of CalFresh to the SSI population, which commences June 1, 2019.

Senate approved Governor’s proposal.

Assembly approved Governor’s proposal and adopted placeholder trailer bill language requiring the department to work with stakeholders to update the budgeting methodology used to determine annual funding for county administration.

Conference issue is whether to adopt trailer bill language.

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Issue 62: Senior Access to CalFresh

Governor proposed no additional funding for a simplified application for seniors to access CalFresh.

Senate approved \$1 million General Fund and placeholder trailer bill language to allow the department to design and automate a user-centered, simplified CalFresh application for seniors and people with disabilities.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding and trailer bill language for a simplified CalFresh application for seniors.

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Issue 63: Adult Protective Services (APS Public Administrator/Guardian/Conservator (PA/PG/PC) Training

Governor proposed no additional funding for training of APS and PA/PG/PC workers in county programs.

Senate approved \$5.8 million General Fund one-time to be expended over three years to provide additional resources for APS and PA/PG/PC training.

Assembly approved \$2.1 million General Fund one-time to be expended over three years to provide additional resources for APS and PA/PG/PC training.

Conference issue is the amount of funding to approve for APS and PA/PG/PC training.

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Issue 64: Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) Grants

Governor proposed no additional funding for SSI/SSP Grants.

Senate approved \$52 million for a one-time Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), effective January 1, 2020, based on the California Necessities Index, for the state portion of SSI/SSP grants.

Assembly took no action.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding to provide a COLA increase for the state portion of SSI/SSP grants.

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Issue 65: Tracking of Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Tool Expenditures

Governor proposed no additional funding or language related to the CANS assessment tool.

Senate took no action.

Assembly adopted placeholder trailer bill language requiring the department to collaborate with specific stakeholders to track the utilization, workload, and costs associated with implementing the CANS tool, and to incorporate necessary budget changes into the 2020-21 budget.

Conference issue is whether to approve trailer bill language, requiring the department to collaborate with specific stakeholders on CANS budgeting.

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Issue 66: Transitional Housing Program (THP)-Plus Program

Governor proposed no additional funding for the THP-Plus program. The program provides supervised transitional living housing and supportive services for young adults who exited foster care on or after their 18th birthday and are not yet 24 years old.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$8 million General Fund ongoing and placeholder trailer bill language to expand the program to serve additional youth.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding and trailer bill language.

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Issue 67: Child Welfare Public Health Nursing Program

Governor had no proposal in this area.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$8.3 million General Fund ongoing and placeholder trailer bill language to create the Child Welfare Public Health Nursing program. The program would build upon the existing use of public health nurses in child welfare services in Los Angeles County, and provide preventive services to families with children who are at risk of being placed in the child welfare system.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding and trailer bill language.

Issue	Description
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Issue 68: California Immigrant Justice Fellowship

Governor made no proposal in this area.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved \$4.7 million General Fund one-time and placeholder trailer bill language to create the California Immigrant Justice Fellowship, to train and support ten legal fellows in developing expertise in removal defense over a two-year pilot period.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding and the associated trailer bill language.

5180 Department of Social Services

Issue	Description
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Issue 69: Other Adjustments

Governor made no proposals for the items in this area.

Senate took no action.

Assembly approved additional funding for:

- \$2 million General Fund one-time and budget bill language for the Inland Congregations United for Change.
- \$5.5 million General Fund one-time for the Dolores Huerta Foundation and Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center supporting the Youth and Family Civic Engagement Initiative.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding for these two programs.