

The Affordable Care Act California Update

Legislator Briefing

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Essential Health Benefits

- 1) Ambulatory Patient Services
- 2) Emergency Services
- 3) Hospitalization
- 4) Maternity and Newborn Care
- 5) Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services (including Behavioral Health Treatment)
- 6) Prescription Drugs
- 7) Rehabilitative & Habilitative Services & Devices
- 8) Laboratory Services
- 9) Preventive & Wellness Services & Chronic Diseases Management
- 10) Pediatric Services, including Oral & Vision Care

Also includes acupuncture for pain and nausea, tobacco cessation, vision screening for adults

Health Workforce

- Scholarships and loan repayment
- Graduate Medical Education
- Diverse workforce and cultural competence
- Primary Care Models
- Health Workforce Development Council Grant

Prevention, Wellness and Public Health Investments

- Funding for health promotion and outreach
- Focus on Healthy People 2020 goals
- Requires coverage of preventive services without cost sharing
- Technical assistance and grants for workplace wellness
- Nutrition labeling and childhood obesity

Governor's Special Session

- August letter to Legislature
 - Called out ACA provisions reducing numbers of uninsured, encouraging health and wellness, changes to private insurance market, reforming the delivery system to reduce cost and improve quality
 - Parameters defined through proclamation
 - Once called, Legislature determines when to convene

Special Session Topics

- Individual Market Reforms and Small Group Clean up legislation
- Medicaid Simplification and Expansion(?)
- Basic Health Plan or Bridge Alternative