

Ten CAFP Supported Bills Await Governor Signature or Veto

Along with AB 2093, nine other CAFP supported bills have made it to the final step in the legislative process: the Governor's desk. If you would like further information on any of the bills, please click on the bill number.

[AB 354](#) (Arambula) – This bill permits the Department of Public Health (DPH) to update vaccination requirements for children entering schools and child care facilities, and adds the American Academy of Family Physicians to the entities whose recommendations DPH must consider when updating the list of required vaccinations. The bill also deletes the age, grade, and date exemptions from the following vaccination requirements: 1) Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) immunization after four years and six months of age; 2) Mumps immunization after seven years of age; 3) Pertussis immunization after seven years of age; 4) Hepatitis B immunization after kindergarten level; and, 5) Varicella (chickenpox) immunization of pupils who were admitted to California public or private schools at or above the kindergarten level before July 1, 2001.

[AB 1600](#) (Beall) – This bill would expand the coverage requirement for a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy issued to include the diagnosis and treatment of a mental illness of a person of any age, and would define mental illness as a mental disorder defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV.

[AB 1825](#) (De La Torre) – This bill would require every individual or group health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 2011, and prior to January 1, 2014, to provide coverage for maternity services, and provide coverage for maternity services consistent with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act after January 1, 2014.

[AB 2468](#) (De Leon) – This bill would allow an employer to use the designation “Breast-Feeding Mother-Friendly Worksite” on its promotional materials if the employer voluntarily has a workplace breastfeeding policy approved by the California Labor Commissioner that addresses the ease in which a mother can breastfeed while employed.

[AB 2470](#) (De La Torre) – This bill, sponsored by the CMA, would prohibit health plans and insurers from rescinding or canceling health care coverage, except in cases of fraud or intentional misstatement of material fact. It would also modify the ability of a health plan or insurer to cancel or not renew a contract or policy for nonpayment of premiums by requiring a 30-day grace period from the date of notification by the plan or insurer.

[SB 220](#) (Yee) – This bill, jointly sponsored by American Lung Association, the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association, would require health care service plan contracts and insurance policies to provide coverage for tobacco cessation services.

[SB 882](#) (Corbett) – This bill would prohibit the sale and distribution of electronic cigarettes to those 17 years old or younger.

[SB 1069](#) (Pavley) – This bill would authorize a physician assistant (PA), pursuant to a delegation of services agreement, to order durable medical equipment and certify unemployment insurance disability. In addition, PAs could approve, sign, modify, or add to a plan of treatment or plan of care for individuals receiving home health services or personal care services, after consultation with the supervising physician.

[SB 1233](#) (Oropeza) – This bill would remove the sunset date for California's Safe at Home program, and require the Secretary of State to permanently retain name change records for program participants. Since its inception in 1999, the Safe at Home Program has helped protect the identities of nearly 3,800 survivors of stalking and sexual assault, as well as the identities of reproductive health care physicians, nurses, volunteers and patients. Repealing the sunset and making Safe at Home a permanent program will provide certainty to participants that their anonymity will be permanently protected.