

2016 ACNL Health Policy Committee – Issue/Watch Log (IWL)

Issue/Topic	Champion	Detail	Update Date: October 26, 2016
General Legislative Update/Activity	All Committee members	Monitor CA State Legislative calendar and activity. Identify potential legislative issues significant to ACNL organizational priorities and goals. Scan ca.gov website at least monthly for new or updated information. Provide updates and make recommendations to HP Committee.	<i>23.0nm/</i>
Bill/Issue Focus: #1		AB 1300 - Would streamline the evaluation, assessment and release process for individuals placed on an involuntary hold. The bill passed the full Assembly with a 77-0 vote. Now that the bill is in the Senate, CHA will further amend the bill.	7/20- Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
Bill/Issue Focus: #2		SB 525 - Would allow nurse practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education and training to ensure access to health care delivery systems for millions of Californians who now have access to coverage under the Affordable Care Act.	Bill Withdrawn
Bill/Issue Focus: #3		AB 1500 - Would remove the physician supervision requirement for certified nurse midwives (CNMs) by allowing them to manage a full range of primary health services, perform peripartum care, provide emergency care when a physician is not present, and perform and repair episiotomies in all practice settings. As amended May 28, the bill subjects CNMs to a ban on corporate practice. Such a ban would be an unwarranted and precedent-setting expansion of the corporate practice ban and would create an artificial and unnecessary barrier to employment options for CNMs.	Hearing set for August 1. Read second time. Ordered to third reading. To be voted on by full Senate. 8/31: Assembly refused to concur in Senate amendments (Ayes 31. Noes 21). In Senate Appropriations. 10/26 No update.

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Bill/Issue Focus: #4		<p>AB 1076 - Would require a general acute care hospital that provides observation services to comply with the same staffing standards as supplemental emergency services. The bill would require that a patient receiving observation services receive written notice immediately upon admission for observation services or placement into observation status, or immediately following a change from inpatient status to observation status, and that the care being provided is on an outpatient basis.</p>	<p>To be heard in Senate Health Committee -4/25 CHA moved to neutral with amendments accepted applies only to a dedicated observation unit, Obs patients may be cared for anywhere, , the "unit must have ED staffing ratios", initiated by physician order and notification to patient when they are placed on obs status. 6/29/2016 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (June 28). Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations. HEARING DATE : 08/03/2016. 8/18 read third time andn amended. Ordered to third reading. To be voted on by full Assembly. 08/30/2016 Enrolled and presented to the Governor 9/27 Signed by Governor</p>
Bill/Issue Focus: #5		<p>SBX2-5- Regulates e-cigarettes like traditional tobacco.beginning January 2017 SBX2-7 raises the legal age for purchasing tobacco products from 18 to 21. ABX2-7 expands California's smoke-free workplace laws. ABX2-9 broadens California's tobacco-free lasws to cover all scholl property at all times including charter school campuses. ABX2-11 - Increases the licensing fees for distributing and selling tobacco fees staring in 2017.</p>	<p>All bills signed by the Governor Brown. Smoking age goes into effect on June 9, 2016</p>
Bill/Issue Focus: #6		<p>SB 1194 -</p>	<p>August 24 set for first hearing. Canceled at the request of author. No update</p>
Bill/Issue Focus: #7		<p>Safe Pain Prescribing Guidelines - CHA and the regional associations approved Safe Pain Prescribing Guidelines endorsed by the San Diego County Medical Society two years ago. On March 16, 2016, the CDC released its final 2016 Opioid Prescribing Guidelines. CHA has been supportive of efforts like those in San Diego County and other local areas to address the complicated issues related to prescription opioid misuse and overdose, and, has supported a well-balanced approach to opioid prescribing and treatment that considers the unique needs of individual patients. While the CDC guidelines are advisory in nature for use by primary care providers who are treating patients with chronic pain in outpatient settings, the guidelines do include definitive prohibitions and treatment directives.</p>	<p>4/25All providers of controlled substances must be registered by July1, 2016. SB 482 (in legislature now) would require all prescribers to utilize the CURES system. 6/29 Senate Health Committee passed. 09/08/2016 Enrolled and presented to the Governor.</p>

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Bill/Issue Focus: #8		<p>Cal/OSHA workplace violence Regulations - CHA has been submitting ongoing regulatory responses to Cal/OSHA relating to SB 1299 regulations on workplace violence, CHA urged that Cal/OSHA focus on process, not outcome – in other words, require health care employers to have an effective program, and not assume that an incidence of violence indicates an inadequate plan, thus penalizing the employer. Second, CHA requested confirmation that the health care employer retains the discretion to determine appropriate staffing levels and that dedicated security staff is not required. Third, CHA is concerned about the unreasonably short timeframe for health care employers to develop and implement training required by the proposed regulation. Cal/OSHA has stated that it plans to release the final regulation in July, and expects employers to have developed their plans and trained all employees accordingly by Oct. 1. CHA emphasized that if the goal is effective training, employers should be provided sufficient time to develop it and roll it out information can be found at http://www.calhospital.org/cha-news-article/cha-testifies-calosha-workplace-violence-prevention-regulations</p>	4/25 Work continues here with no new updates.
Bill/Issue Focus: #9	Rick Becker	California Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Initiative (2016)	
Bill/Issue Focus: #10	Janet Stotts	<p>AB 508 - Would establish the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) within CDPH. Would require CMQCC to establish a statewide system for collecting and maintaining data related to, among other things, pregnancy-</p>	4/22 - to be heard in Senate Rules Committee. 6/21 - Re-referred to Assembly Coms. on JUD. and HEALTH. No update.

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Bill/Issue Focus: #11	Janet Stotts	<p>SB 586--Children's Services--This bill requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to enter into contracts with one or more Kids Integrated Delivery System (KIDS) network authorized by this bill to provide the full range of California Children's Services Program (CCS) and Medi-Cal services to children eligible for the CCS and Medi-Cal. This bill would allow individuals up to the age of 26 years of age who had been receiving treatment for a CCS eligible condition in the 12 months prior to their 21st birthday to continue to receive care in a KIDS network that under their contract with DHCS accepts individuals up to age 26.</p>	<p>6/18/2015--Referred to Committee on Health. 7/14/2015--First hearing canceled at the request of author. Reschedule date is unknown. 5/4/16 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH .06/30 - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Assembly Commttee on Appropriations. Hearing August 3. 8/19 read third time and amended, Ordered to third reading. 09/08/2016. Enrolled and presented to the Governor.</p>
Bill/Issue Focus: #12	Marlena Montgomery	<p>AB2439</p>	<p><i>Passed Assembly Health Committee 4/19 -was amended prior to being heard in Assembly Health Committee to require an unfunded research study mandate on participating hospitals. The bill was further amended in committee and now would be voluntary for hospitals to participate. CHA removed its opposition but will continue to express concerns with AB 2439 regarding the policy of mandatory HIV testing in the ED. 5/4 - Referred to Appropriations suspense file. 06/30/2016 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Senate Committee. on Appropriations June 29. 8/15 Read Second time and amended. Ordered to third reading</i></p>
Bill/Issue Focus: #13			

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Initiative #1	Rick Becker	<p>The California Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Initiative (2016) has not changed since attaining the status of an initiative. The initiative would add section 3.5 to the Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Improvement Act of 2013. If the initiative passes the current 2013 Act would be modified to increase the required majority to a two-thirds majority to make changes to the Act.</p>	See attached link for further information
Proposition Link		<p>https://ballotpedia.org/California_2016_ballot_propositions</p>	<p>19 Ballot Propositions have been certified for the 2016 ballot as of July 1. Measure to increase minimum wage to \$15 an hour has been withdrawn. Another Initiative passed in June 7 election leaving 17 propositions for the November Ballot.</p>
CHA	BJ Bartleson Myra Lang	I'm not sure if this is needed:	
CHPAC	Myra Lang	<p>This initiative would allow the Medi-Cal Hospital fees and federal matching funds to be used for the intended purpose, to assist hospitals to provide care to Medi-Cal patients. Funds would not be allowed to be diverted to the state's General Fund or used for alternative purposes. Supporters of the initiative include the California Hospital Association and Solano County Supervisors. Opposition for the initiative include the Service Employees International Union, United Health Care Workers West.</p>	<p>2/3/2016: Raised \$25,635.00 at the 2016 Annual Program in Palm Springs. Thank you to Health Policy Committee members for working the HP table and making our effort a great success. 2/2/2015: 2015 ACNL Annual Program in Anaheim raised a record \$ 43,875 for CHPAC (\$ 6775 more than 2014 in Monterey!) . 4/25- would like to assist with an ongoing chapter discussion of CHPAC and chapter campaign coordinators to discuss why donations are important - see attached CHPAC campaign coordinator packet . 10/26 have a joint meeting with Philanthropy Committee Chair to coordinate efforts for the annual meeting.</p>

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BRN Watch		Monitor activity of BRN. Keep abreast of what is on the BRN website. On behalf of the HP Committee coordinate any communication or queries with BRN. Provide updates and make recommendations to HP Committee.	<i>ACNL and CHA are working collaboratively to explore issues, work with the BRN and support steps to licensing process improvement and other issues of concern .While the BreeZe system licensing software is improving, there continues to be very conservative movement on the part of the BRN to update and propose regulations, and/or address contemporary issues with nursing practice. The NP regulations, are an example of nursing practice regulations that has been challenged for years by RN's to reflect national standard that have been in place for years in most other states. Louise Bailey, the present CEO, will be retiring in January, and Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes, well known statewide nurse leader, has been appointed to the administrative board member position. ACNL and CHA are working collaboratively to explore issues, work with the BRN and support steps to licensing process improvement and other issues of concern. 4/25, SB 1193 (Hill) recently amended would require the EO to not be a licensee due to anti trust/anticompetition issues. 5/2 - hearing: Placed on Appropriations suspense file. New BRN Director appointed. Dr. Joseph Morse</i>
CPDH/Title 22 Watch		Monitor activity of CDPH. Keep abreast of what is on the CDPH/Title 22 websites that is relevant to ACNL and ACNL member goals and priorities. On behalf of the HP Committee coordinate any communication or queries with CDPH. Provide updates and make recommendations to HP Committee.	<i>4/25- Zika virus, T22 revisions, Hospital relicensing surveys , tubing connector issues , length of time for follow up on hospital requests</i>
CMS Watch	Anna Dermenchyan (1)	Monitor activity of CMS. Keep abreast of what is on the CMS and CMS related websites that is relevant to ACNL and ACNL member goals and priorities. On behalf of the HP Committee coordinate any communication or queries with CMS. Provide updates and make recommendations to HP Committee.	<i>4/25 Region 9 CMS meeting in May- we are focusing on CSU's and potential EMTALA issues</i>
Joint Commission Watch	Anna Dermenchyan (2)	Monitor activity of the Joint Commission (TJC). Keep abreast of what is on TJC website. On behalf of the HP Committee coordinate any communication or queries with TJC. Provide updates and make recommendations to HP Committee.	

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Federal Activity	Anna Dermenchyan(3)	Monitor major Federal legislative activity. Identify potential legislative issues important to ACNL members and significant to ACNL organizational priorities and goals. Scan Federal legislative websites at least monthly for new or updated information. Monitor AONE website for additional pertinent information and updates. Provide updates and make recommendations to HP Committee. Coordinate annual education effort with AONE Legislative Lobbyist.	
Federal Activity	Myra Lang	S 2408 - Senate Bill introduced 12/16/2105. Nurse and Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2015. The bill requires the Department of Labor to establish a standard on safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention to prevent musculoskeletal disorders for health care workers. This bill requires the Department of Labor to establish a standard on safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention to prevent musculoskeletal disorders for health care workers. The standard must require the use of engineering and safety controls to handle patients. The standard must require health care employers to: (1) develop and implement a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention program; (2) train their workers on safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention; and (3) post a notice that explains the standard, procedures to report patient handling-related injuries, and workers' rights under this Act. Labor must conduct unscheduled inspections to ensure compliance with the standard. This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to apply the	
Healthcare Reform (HCR)	Pat McFarland		
Professional Practice			
Project#1: "Leg" Day			
Project#2:			

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Project#3:			
Issue Log Maintenance	Myra Lang		
ACNL Board Update	Pat McFarland	Keep Committee members informed of ACNL Board and organizational activities that are relevant to the work, goals and interests of Health Policy. Solicit and/or engage committee members regarding specific initiatives and projects.	
Calls/Meetings	Myra Lang	Schedule and coordinate monthly calls/meetings. Coordinate the monthly updating of the IWL with Issue Champions. Provide updated document for posting to ACNL HP website.	