

2018 ACNL Health Policy Committee – Issue/Watch Log (IWL)

Issue/Topic	Champion	Detail	Update Date: October 15, 2018
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.	http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/
Bill/Issue Focus: #1	AB 1225	Patterson - This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2020, on its efforts to update or modernize its regulations, as specified, including with regard to its use of program flex waivers. The bill would also require the department to focus on adopting amendments to regulations related to cardiovascular surgery and cardiac catheterization laboratory services.	6/28: From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (June 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. 8/7: Read second time. Ordered to third reading. 8/31: Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Monning
Bill/Issue Focus: #3	AB 2682	Burke -This bill would instead authorize a nurse-midwife to practice in a variety of settings without supervision by a physician and surgeon subject to certain situations requiring consultation or comanagement with, or referral or transfer to, a physician and surgeon. The bill would also require all emergencies to be referred to a physician and surgeon immediately.	6/22: Bill Pulled.
Bill/Issue Focus: #4	SB 1288	Leyva -This bill would require state periodic inspections of health facilities to include reviews of compliance with the nurse-to-patient ratios and staff assignment regulations described above. The bill would require the department to ensure that these inspections are not announced in advance of the date of	9/30: Vetoed by the Governor
Bill/Issue Focus: #5	AB 2798	Maienshein - Health facility licensing. Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, duties relating to the licensing and regulation of health facilities, as defined. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this bill to include provisions that would make sufficient resources and staffing available to the department to enable it to approve applications for hospital licensure changes	9/29: Signed by Governor

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Bill/Issue Focus: #6	AB 1795	<p>Gipson-This bill would authorize a local emergency medical services agency to submit, as part of its emergency services plan, a plan to transport specified patients to a community care facility, as defined, in lieu of transportation to a general acute care hospital. The bill would make conforming changes to the definition of advanced life support to include prehospital emergency care provided before and during, transport to a community care facility, as specified. The bill would also direct the Emergency Medical Services Authority to authorize a local EMS agency to add to its scope of practice for specified emergency personnel those activities necessary for the assessment, treatment, and transport of a patient to a community care facility.</p>	5/25: Died in Committee
Bill/Issue Focus: #7	SB 1152	<p>Hernandez - This bill would require those health facilities to include within the hospital discharge policy, a written homeless patient discharge planning policy and process, as specified. The bill would require the health facilities to develop a written plan for coordinating services and referrals for homeless patients including procedures for homeless patient discharge referrals, designated liaisons at each participating entity, and coordination protocols.</p>	9/30: Approved by Governor
Bill/Issue Focus: #8	SB 457	<p>Bates - This bill would revise and recast these provisions by requiring that a licensed physician and surgeon, a licensed midwife, and a certified nurse-midwife only attend cases of pregnancy and out-of-hospital childbirth, as defined, when specified conditions are met.</p>	8/20: Bill died in Committee
Bill/Issue Focus: #9	AB 1090	<p>Cunningham - This bill would prohibit the possession, smoking, or ingesting of marijuana or marijuana cannabis or cannabis products in or upon the grounds of a school, day care center, or youth center, regardless of whether children are present. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.</p>	9/1: Held under submission.

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Bill/Issue Focus: #10	SB 944	<p>Hertsberg - This bill would create the Community Paramedicine Act of 2018. The bill would, until January 1, 2025, authorize a local EMS agency to develop a community paramedicine program, as defined, to provide specified community paramedic services. The bill would require the authority to review a local EMS agency's proposed community paramedicine program and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the proposed program within 6 months after it is submitted by the local EMS agency. The bill would require a local EMS agency that opts to develop a community paramedicine program to, among other things, integrate the proposed program into the local EMS agency's emergency medical services plan, enter into an agreement with a community paramedicine provider for the delivery of community paramedic services within the local EMS agency's jurisdiction that is consistent with the proposed program, establish a process for training and certifying community paramedics, and facilitate and participate in any discussion between a community paramedicine</p>	<p>6/7: Referred to Com. on HEALTH. 6/27: From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (June 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. 8/16: August 16 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.</p>
Proposition Link			<p>https://ballotpedia.org/California_2018_ballot_propositions</p>
	#17-0014	<p>Limits amounts outpatient kidney dialysis clinics may charge for patient care and imposes penalties for excessive charges. Requires annual reporting to the state regarding clinic costs, patient charges, and revenue. Prohibits clinics from discriminating against patients based on the source of payment for care.[4] ” Fiscal impact</p>	<p>3/18: ACNL Board determined that ACNL would not support opposition to this initiative at this time. 7/24: This is now Proposition #8 for the November ballot.</p>
CHPAC	Myra Lang		<p>2/7/2018: Raised \$34,375 at the 2018 Annual Program in Monterey. 2/8/2017: Raised \$31,008 at the 2017 Annual Program in Anaheim 2/3/2016: Raised \$25,635.00 at the 2016 Annual Program in Palm Springs 2/2/2015: Raised \$ 43,875 at the 2015 Annual Program in Anaheim 02/2014: Raised \$37,100 at the 2014 Annual Program in Monterey</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.	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. http://www.rn.ca.gov
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.	Please see proposed support letter from meeting materials
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.	
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.	
Federal Activity	Anna Dermenchyan(3) Myra Lang	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.	HR. 959: To amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs, and for other purposes. 27, 2018 9 a.m. — House Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health. July 23, 2018 passed House-now moves to Senate.

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Federal Activity	Medicare Myra Lang		3/18: New Medicare changes contain multiple increases in patient co-pays.
Federal Budget	Federal Budget Myra Lang		6/22: Federal budget proposal would see dramatic cuts in Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid
Tax Reform		Will follow changes to taxation policies for 2018 moving forward. Preliminary review indicates reduction and or eliminaiton of Misc. tax deductions. This would affect graduate education, cojntinuing education,professional membershps, union dues, uniform cleaning, etc.	Signed by the President 12/22/17
Healthcare Reform (HCR)			
Professional Practice			
Project#1: “Leg” Day			
Project#2:			

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Project#3:			
Issue Log Maintenance	Myra Lang		
ACNL Board Update	Kim Tomasi	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.	