

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS
2016 PRIORITY BILL LIST
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BILL/ AUTHOR	SUBJECT	POSITION	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<u>AB 72</u> <i>(Bonta D)</i>	Health care coverage: out-of-network coverage.	SUPPORT	CAHU supports AB 72, bi-partisan consumer protection legislation that statutorily bars insured policy-holders from being balanced billed by out-of-network providers when the consumer sought treatment at an in-network facility. AB 72 also sets out a reasonable dispute resolution process and reimbursement policy for out-of-network service providers.	SIGNED by GOVERNOR 9/23/2016 CHAPTER 492, Statutes of 2016
<u>AB 533</u> <i>(Bonta D)</i> <i>(Replaced by AB 72 (Bonta))</i>	Health care coverage: out-of-network coverage.	SUPPORT	AB 533 seeks to protect consumers from unexpected medical bills if they are treated by an out-of-network provider at an in-network facility. CAHU SUPPORTS AB 533; while it still needs a fair resolution regarding adequate provider payments, the bill does include a consumer protection provision to statutorily bar any balance billing of the consumer by the out of network provider.	ASSEMBLY Floor FAILED END OF SESSION DEADLINE 8/31/2016 DEAD
<u>AB 1823</u> <i>(Bonilla D)</i>	California Cancer Clinical Trials Program.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 1823, as amended June 23, 2016, that establishes the privately funded California Cancer Clinical Trials Program overseen by the University of California. This program will enable cancer patients to find and participate in cancer clinical trials more easily than occurs today.	SIGNED by GOVERNOR 9/26/2016 CHAPTER 661, Statutes of 2016
<u>AB 1839</u> <i>(Patterson R)</i>	California Health Benefit Exchange: enrollment options.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 1839 as it provides more options to individuals when choosing the health plan for their family. Permits a family to more easily opt out of the Medi-Cal program. The bill also saves consumer dollars, by keeping a standard "family out of pocket maximum" of only 2 per family, instead of potentially 3 or 4.	ASSEMBLY Health FAILED PASSAGE 4/5/2016 DEAD

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<u>AB 1890</u> <i>(Dodd D)</i>	Discrimination Equal Pay Reporting Mandate: state contractors.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES AB 1890 that mandates an onerous new report that state contractors, including certified insurance agents with a large book of business with Covered California, must submit on the makeup of their workforce.	VETOED by GOVERNOR 9/30/2016
<u>AB 1899</u> <i>(Calderon D)</i>	Insurance: production agents: license examinations.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 1899, as amended, that permits license exams to also be given in Spanish. This will help to ensure more diverse base of agents are licensed and available to consumers in the future.	SIGNED by GOVERNOR 9/24/2016 CHAPTER 560, Statutes of 2016
<u>AB 2209</u> <i>(Bonilla D)</i>	Health care coverage: clinical care pathways.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES AB 2209 (Bonilla) because the bill places unnecessary hurdles for plans and insurers to overcome when they seek to use patient based clinical care pathways.	HELD in ASSEMBLY Appropriations 5/27/2016 DEAD
<u>AB 2366</u> <i>(Dababneh D)</i>	Long-term Care Insurance	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 2366 that exempts insurers that offer a policy which combines both life and long- term care coverages from the requirement to offer the new benefits or benefit eligibility criteria to their existing long-term care insurance (LTCI) policy. The current law on offer requirement hinders the ability of companies to make new products available for consumers, made compliance very difficult on new hybrid products, and proved to be extremely confusing or misleading to existing policyholders.	SIGNED by GOVERNOR 9/24/2016 CHAPTER 573, Statutes of 2016
<u>AB 2400</u> <i>(Nazarian D)</i>	Prescription drug coverage: prior authorization and external review.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES AB 2400 that shortens health plan and insurer internal grievance resolution timelines for prescription drug issues to force timely decisions that are always desirable. CAHU believes consumer/patients deserve to get the right decision, rather than the speediest decision that may have far reaching or even deadly consequences for them.	HELD in ASSEMBLY Appropriations 5/27/2016 DEAD

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<u>AB 2436</u> <i>(Hernández, Roger D)</i>	Health care coverage: disclosures: drug pricing.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES AB 2436 as it seeks to add new, unnecessary paperwork mandates to prescription process that requires consumers be notified of wholesale cost of drug at point of sale, among other provisions.	ASSEMBLY FLOOR FAILED DEADLINE 8/31/2016 DEAD
<u>AB 2848</u> <i>(Brown D)</i>	Insurance.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 2848 which adds options for new products in long term care and provide for more consumer choice in the future.	ASSEMBLY Insurance 4/22/2017 FAILED DEADLINE DEAD
<u>SB 908</u> <i>(Hernandez D)</i>	Health care coverage: premium rate change: notice: other health coverage.	NEUTRAL AS AMENDED	CAHU was originally opposed to SB 908, which sought to add a new special enrollment period if a plan rate or premium changes and the regulator subsequently deems it unreasonable. SB 908 was subsequently amended to address CAHU concerns to ensure agents are notified at the same time when a client or employer has a policy or contract covered by the proposed law so that the agent may assist their clients in a timely fashion.	SIGNED by GOVERNOR 9/23/2016 CHAPTER 498, Statutes of 2016
<u>SB 923</u> <i>Hernandez D)</i>	Health care coverage: cost sharing changes.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS SB 923 that, in the individual and small group markets, a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy that is issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2017, from changing any cost sharing requirements during the plan year or policy year, except when required by a change in state or federal law.	SIGNED by GOVERNOR CHAPTER 192, Statutes of 2016
<u>SB 1091</u> <i>(Liu D)</i>	Long-term care insurance.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS SB 1091 which is part of an overall LTC reform package to add new options for new products in long term care and provide for more consumer choice in the future.	SIGNED by GOVERNOR 9/24/2016 CHAPTER 589, Statutes of 2016

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<u>SB 1234</u> <i>(De León D)</i>	Retirement savings plans.	NEUTRAL	CAHU worked with NAIFA and the Cal Chamber ensure that licensed agents and financial advisors will have a role in helping those employees that do not have a current retirement savings select the Secure Choice or other best options in order to help that employee meet future retirement financial goals. Employer fiduciary and liability issues are also addressed in the bill as it is written on 8/16/2016.	SIGNED by GOVERNOR 9/29/2016 CHAPTER 804, Statutes of 2016
<u>SB 1252</u> <i>(Stone R)</i>	Health care costs: patient notification.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS SB 1252 which helps to ensure that patients, when scheduling a surgery, are notified ahead of the surgery of with a breakdown of costs for the procedure and their potential responsibility for costs.	SENATE Health 4/22/16 FAILED DEADLINE
<u>SB 1445</u> <i>(Hertzberg D)</i>	Taxation.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SB 1445 that proposes to impose taxes on all services unless amended to protect agents. Current law does not tax services, such as those provided by a dentist, lawyer, or plumber. SB 1445 proposes to impose a sales tax on the purchase of a service.	SENATE Governance & Finance 5/6/2016 FAILED DEADLINE DEAD
<u>SCA 5</u> <i>(Hancock D)</i>	Local government finance.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SCA 5, a proposed a "Split Roll Property Tax" that would reassess all commercial property once a year to raise \$9 billion in new tax revenue annually. A split roll would adversely impact all businesses, whether they rent or own their building because property taxes would go up every year. Lease costs will also increase with to reflect the higher property taxes; as most commercial leases allow for such increases.	SENATE Governance & Finance 4/12/20 FAILED END OF SESSION DEADLINE DEAD