

BILL NO.	DESCRIPTION	SUMMARY	SPONSOR	POSITION
HB2250	Grants; behavioral health treatment services	<p>Establishes the Community Treatment and Safety Fund, to be administered by the Department of Health Services, and appropriates \$5 million from the general fund in each fiscal year to the Fund. The Dept is required to analyze each county with a population of less than one million persons (all but Maricopa County) to determine which behavioral health treatment services are available and identify significant gaps in the availability of those services in that county.</p> <p>Based on the analysis, the Dept is required to award grants to expand treatment programs provided by nonprofit behavioral health treatment providers for persons in those counties who are in court-ordered substance abuse treatment programs, in State Department of Corrections community supervision programs, or on probation. The behavioral health treatment services that are eligible for grant awards are specified.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2250P.pdf</p>	Blackman	SUPPORT

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HB2320	Psychiatric security review board; hearings	<p>Numerous changes to statutes relating to the Psychiatric Security Review Board. Modifies the process for examining a defendant pleading guilty except insane. After a plea of guilty or after disposition of a matter where the defendant has pled guilty except insane, the court is required to order the reports sealed, and may order that the reports be opened only for a list of specified purposes. Modifies the actions that the Board may take after a hearing requested by a person who is placed under Board jurisdiction. Establishes requirements for a person who is conditionally released by the Board, including that a supervised treatment plan must be in place. All hearings conducted by the Board are subject to the Uniform Administrative Hearing Procedures Act. Procedures for requesting a hearing before the Board are repealed and replaced. Compensation for Board members is changed. The Board is required to employ an Executive Director to perform all administrative, operational and financial functions for the Board. The Board is authorized to set a hearing to monitor a person's progress on its own motion. Establishes a process for a treatment supervisor to request a hearing by the Board. Establishes procedures for and conditions under which the Board may order a person's return to a secure mental health facility. Establishes a process for the Board to transfer jurisdiction of a person from the Board to superior court. Before any hearing before the Board, either party is permitted to retain an independent qualified expert to evaluate the person and make recommendations to the Board. More.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2320P.pdf</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/proposed/H.2320BARTO.pdf</p>	Barto	NO POSITION with informal feedback to suggest a work group be formed to develop a better solution

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HB2419	Assistant Physicians; Licensure; Collaborative Practice	<p>An "assistant physician" (defined as a medical school graduate who meets other specified requirements) is authorized to practice as an assistant physician for only primary care services in medically underserved areas under the terms of an assistant physician "collaborative practice agreement." The Arizona Medical Board is required to establish rules that provide for required to establish rules that provide for assistant physician licensure, physician supervision and collaborative practice arrangements, fees, and any other matters necessary to protect the public and discipline professionals. Health insurance carriers that offer or issue health benefit plans in Arizona are required to reimburse an assistant physician for diagnosing, consulting or treating an insured or enrollee on the same basis the service is covered when it is delivered by another comparable mid-level health care provider, including a physician assistant. Physicians are authorized to enter into "collaborative practice arrangements" (defined) with assistant physicians. Requirements for collaborative practice arrangements are specified, including a list of required provisions.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2419P.pdf</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/proposed/H.2419BARTO%20SE.pdf</p>	Barto	Sponsor withdrew the bill

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HB2420	Insurance; prescription drugs; step therapy	<p>Adds a new chapter to Title 20 (Insurance) governing "Step Therapy Protocols," defined as a protocol or program that establishes the specific sequence in which prescription drugs that are for a specified medical condition and that are medically appropriate for a particular patient are covered by a health care insurer under a health care plan. Establishes requirements for clinical review criteria. If coverage of a prescription drug for the treatment of any medical condition is restricted for use by a health care insurer, pharmacy benefits manager or utilization review organization through the use of a step therapy protocol, the patient and prescribing practitioner must have access to a clear and convenient process to request a step therapy exception determination, and an exception must be granted if sufficient evidence of any of a list of circumstances is submitted. Unless an exigent circumstance exists, a health care insurer, pharmacy benefits manager or utilization review organization is required to respond to a request for a step therapy exception determination within 72 hours after receipt of all required documentation. On granting a step therapy exception determination, the health care insurer, pharmacy benefits manager or utilization review organization is required to authorize coverage for the prescription drug prescribed by the patient's treating health care provider. Applies to any policy, contract or evidence of coverage delivered, issued for delivery or renewed on or after December 31, 2021.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2420P.pdf https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/adopted/H.2420HEALTH%20%20HUMAN%20SERVICES.pdf</p>	Barto	SUPPORT

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HB2529	Nonretaliation policies; health care institutions	<p>The policy prohibiting retaliatory action against a health professional who in good faith reports a practice or policy that violates professional standards of practice or is against the law or poses a substantial risk to the health, safety or welfare of a patient, which licensed health care institutions are required to adopt, is expanded to include prohibiting retaliatory action by any of the health care institutions "third-party contractors" (defined).</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2529P.pdf</p>	Shah	SUPPORT
HB2532	Prior authorization; uniform request form	<p>By January 1, 2022, the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions is required to approve a uniform prior authorization request form that health care services plans and utilization review agents must accept and process for prior authorization requests submitted from all providers and that all providers are required to use. Requirements for the form are specified.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2532P.pdf</p>	Shah	SUPPORT

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HB2536	Telemedicine; health care providers	<p>For the purpose of statutes regulating telemedicine, the definition of "health care provider" is expanded to include a person who is licensed by the Board of Physical Therapy, Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners, Board of Athletic Training, or by the Department of Health Services as a hearing aid dispenser, audiologist or speech-language pathologist.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2536P.pdf</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/adopted/H.2536HEALTH%20%20HUMAN%20SERVICES.pdf</p>	Shah	NEUTRAL

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HB2538	Health care workers; assault; prevention	<p>The list of victims of assault that cause an assault to be classified as aggravated assault if the defendant knows of their profession is expanded to include a "health care worker" (defined) while engaged in the health care worker's work duties. Aggravated assault committed on a health care worker in these circumstances is a class 5 (second lowest) felony if the assault involved physical injury. Within six months after the effective date of this legislation, "health care employers" (defined as licensed health care institutions with more than 50 employees) are required to develop, implement and maintain a written workplace violence prevention plan that includes specified provisions. As soon as practicable after a workplace violence incident that a health care employer has knowledge of, the employer is required to investigate the incident and to document the findings, recommendations and corrective measures taken for each investigation conducted.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2538P.pdf</p>	Shah	SUPPORT

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HB2581	Dangerous; incompetent person; evaluation; commitment	<p>Creates guidelines for courts to determine if a person is dangerous or incompetent and if the defendant should be committed to the state hospital. Allows the courts to use defendant competency evaluation reports to determine whether the defendant is dangerous and eligible for commitment.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2581P.pdf</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/proposed/H.2581ALLEN%20J.pdf</p>	Allen J.	SUPPORT
HB2668	Hospitals; unreimbursed costs; assessment; fund	<p>Beginning October 1, 2020, the Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration is required to establish, administer and collect an assessment on hospital revenues with respect to inpatient and/or outpatient services. The Director is authorized to adopt rules regarding the method for determining the assessment, the amount or rate of the assessment and modifications to or exemptions from the assessment. The assessment is subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Hospitals are prohibited from passing the cost of the assessment on to patients or third-party payors. Monies collected from the assessment are deposited in the newly established Health Care Access Fund and used as necessary only for the purpose of funding the nonfederal share of the cost for directed payments to hospitals under federal law the supplement the "base reimbursement level" for hospital services to eligible persons, and for payments to physicians and dentists to restore provider rates to the rate levels in existence before FY2008-09. The Director may use up to 1 percent of the assessment monies to pay for the nonfederal share of the costs for administrative expenses.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2668P.pdf</p>	Cobb	SUPPORT

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HB2735	Guilty except insane; court jurisdiction	<p>Grants the Superior Court exclusive supervisory jurisdiction over all persons who are under the supervision of the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) and transfers powers and duties of PSLB to the Superior Court.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2735P.pdf</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/adopted/H.2735JUDICIARY.pdf</p>	Barto	NO POSITION with informal feedback to suggest a work group be formed to develop a better solution

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HB2764	Mental Health Omnibus (Jakes Law)	<p>Numerous changes to statutes relating to mental health. Adds a new chapter to Title 20 (Insurance) requiring each health care insurer that issues a health plan in Arizona to comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. Requires the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions (DIFI) to evaluate health plan compliance and enforce related regulations. Appropriates \$200,000 and one FTE position from the general fund in FY2020-21 to DIFI to administer the mental health parity requirements of this legislation. Prohibits health care insurers that issue a health plan including mental health or substance use disorder benefits for a minor solely on the grounds that the service was provided in a school or ordered by a court. Establishes a Mental Health Parity Advisory Committee to advise the Directors of the DIFI and the Department of Health Services (DHS) on matters relating to mental health parity. Establishes the Suicide Mortality Review Team in DHS to develop a suicide mortalities data collection system and study the adequacy of statutes and services to determine changes needed to decrease the incidence of preventable suicides and take steps to implement those changes. DHS is authorized to use monies in the Child Fatality Review Fund to staff the Review Team. Establishes the Children's Behavior Health Services Fund, to be administered by DHS and used to enter into an agreement with one or more contractors for children's behavioral health services. Appropriates \$8 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Fund. By January 1, 2021, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is required to contract with a research entity to conduct a study to determine the adequacy of behavioral health services offered in school districts and charter schools in Arizona. Information that must be included in the study is specified. By June 30, 2023, ADE is required to submit a report summarizing the research study to the Governor and the Legislature. Appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to ADE for the research study. Requires DIFI and DHS to adopt various rules relating to this legislation.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2764P.pdf</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/proposed/H.2764BARTO.pdf</p>	Brophy McGee	SUPPORT

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HB2784	Medical marijuana research; grants	<p>The Department of Health Services is required to establish a Medical Marijuana Research Committee to oversee and provide grants from monies in the Medical Marijuana Fund for marijuana research studies on the safety and efficacy of using marijuana for medical purposes. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2784P.pdf</p>	Payne	SUPPORT
SB1053	Psychiatric security review board; continuation	<p>The statutory life of the Psychiatric Security Review Board is extended eight years to July 1, 2028. Retroactive to July 1, 2020.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1053P.pdf</p>	Brophy McGee	SUPPORT
SB1167	AHCCCS; graduate medical education; reimbursement	<p>Establishes a separate graduate medical education (GME) program to reimburse qualified community health centers with an approved primary care GME program. Specifies payment methodologies and reimbursement requirements.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1167S.pdf</p>	Carter	SUPPORT
SB1290	Maternal mental health advisory committee	<p>Establishes a 19-member Maternal Mental Health Advisory Committee to recommend improvements for screening and treating maternal mental health disorders. The Committee is required to submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2021, and self-repeals July 1, 2022. AS PASSED SENATE.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1290S.pdf</p>	Carter	SUPPORT

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SB1324	Opioid prescriptions; naloxone requirement; exceptions	<p>The requirement for a health professional prescribing a patient more than 90 morphine milligram equivalents per day to also prescribe naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist does not apply to a patient who is receiving hospice care or end-of-life care.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1324S.pdf</p>	Brophy McGee	NO POSITION
SB1390	Behavioral health; rates; study; appropriation	<p>Appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration to engage an independent consultant with actuarial expertise to study the current outpatient behavioral health rates set by the AHCCCS Administration as its managed care fee for service schedule. Factors the consultant is required to consider are listed. The consultant is required to deliver a final report to the AHCCCS Administration by July 1, 2021. Self-repeals January 1, 2022.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1390P.pdf</p>	Carter	DEAD BILL
SB1392	AHCCCS; pregnant women; postpartum; appropriations	<p>A woman who is less than one year postpartum with a family income that does not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines is added to the definition of "eligible person" for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System. Appropriates \$13 million from the general fund and \$900,000 from Medicaid expenditure authority in FY2020-21 to the AHCCCS Administration for eligible postpartum women.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1392P.pdf</p>	Carter	SUPPORT

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SB1397	Insurance; preexisting condition exclusions; prohibition	<p>Every "health care insurer" that offers an "individual health plan" (both defined) in Arizona is required to provide guaranteed availability of coverage to an eligible individual who desires to enroll in health insurance coverage and is prohibited from declining to offer that coverage to, or denying enrollment of, that individual. Every health care insurer that offers an individual health plan in Arizona is prohibited from imposing any "preexisting condition exclusion" (defined) with respect to the issuance, renewal or scope of benefits provided in such coverage. A health care insurer is permitted to restrict enrollment in individual health plans to open enrollment periods and special enrollment periods to the extent the periods are not inconsistent with applicable federal law. Some exceptions. Conditionally enacted on a court of competent jurisdiction ruling that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional and the judgment of that court becoming final and definitive on or before June 30, 2023.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1397P.pdf</p>	Mesnard	SUPPORT

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SB1437	Medical marijuana fund; opioid treatment	<p>The Department of Health Services is required to annually transfer \$6 million from the Medical Marijuana Fund to the Substance Use Disorder Services Fund. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1437P.pdf</p>	Borrelli	NO POSITION
SB1523	Mental Health Omnibus (Jakes Law)	<p>Mirror Bill of HB2764 (See Summary of HB2764)</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1523P.pdf</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/adopted/S.1523HHS.pdf</p>	Brophy McGee	SUPPORT

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SB1570	Outpatient treatment centers; behavioral health	<p>An employee of a licensed outpatient treatment center that provides behavioral health services is authorized to provide behavioral health services at a private office or clinic that is operated by an exempt health care provider if a list of specified conditions are met, including that the services are provided to a patient of the exempt health care provider or the licensed outpatient treatment center, and the licensed outpatient treatment center and the exempt health care provider have a written agreement specifying the terms of the provided services. The licensed outpatient treatment center is required to report to the Department of Health Services any unexpected death, self-injury or other injury of a patient under the care of its employee that occurs on the premises of the exempt health care provider and whether the injury required medical attention., and the Dept is authorized to report the incident to the licensing board of any health care professional involved in the incident.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1570P.pdf https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/adopted/S.1570HHS.pdf</p>	Brophy McGee	SUPPORT

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SB1592	Health professionals; preceptorships	<p>The Arizona Medical Board, Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants, and Board of Nursing are each required to develop a "preceptorship" (defined) awareness campaign that educates licensed medical professionals on how to become and the benefits of being a medical preceptor for students. The Department of Health Services is required to establish an online medical preceptorship availability list for the purpose of connecting medical preceptors to students for preceptorships.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1592P.pdf</p>	Pace	NO POSITION
SCR1020	Initiatives; public safety; health; amendments	<p>The 2020 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to allow the Legislature to amend all or a portion of a voter-protected measure by a simple majority vote of each house of the Legislature only for an approved initiative or referendum measure relating to public health or safety. A legislative amendment is prohibited from occurring sooner than one year after the original initiative or referendum measure was approved. A legislative amendment under these circumstances is not required to further the purposes of the original approved initiative or referendum measure.</p> <p>https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SCR1020P.pdf</p>	Leach	NO POSITION