

**FINAL 2013
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS
PRIORITY BILL LIST
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Bill/Author	Subject	Position	Description	Status
AB 18 (Pan)	Pediatric Dental Plans: Unnecessary MLR Mandate	OPPOSE unless AMENDED	CAHU OPPOSES AB 18 unless amended, that establishes an unnecessary medical loss ratio for pediatric dental plans of 75 percent. CAHU believes this is an inappropriate application of a medical plan concept that would essentially eliminate the offer of the most cost-effective pediatric dental options—dental HMOs—when offered as a stand-alone program.	<i>Assembly Appropriations</i> 2 YEAR BILL 6/25/2013
AB 186 (Maienschein)	Professions and vocations: military spouses: temporary licenses.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 186 that provides for a reasonable temporary 18-month license extension for a spouse or partner who relocates to accompany active duty military posted to duty in California	<i>Senate Business & Professions</i> <i>As of 7/1/2013</i> 2 YEAR BILL
AB 362 (Ting)	Income Tax Relief: Federally Excluded Health Care Expenses: Same Sex Spouses/ Partners	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 362 that provides state tax relief for employees that receive compensation from an employer to reimburse federal income taxes paid by the employee because, for federal income tax purposes, the same-sex spouse or domestic partner of the employee is not considered the spouse of the employee under federal law for health care insurance purposes.	SIGNED by Governor 10/1/2013 CHAPTER 439, Statutes of 2013
AB 396 (Fox)	Prescriptions: Consumer Choice: Labels	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 396 that gives health care consumers a choice on whether they wish to have information on their prescription bottle that clearly lists the medicine as well as the medical condition the prescribed medicine is to treat.	<i>Introduced ASSEMBLY</i> 2/15/2013 2-YEAR BILL

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AB 402 (Ammiano)	Disability income insurance: mental illness.	NEUTRAL	Originally opposed, CAHU reviewed proposed clarifying amendments to AB 402 that limit application of the bill to only short-term disability insurance coverage of severe mental illness - - a change that aligns with industry practice. As amended CAHU is NEUTRAL on AB 402.	SIGNED by Governor 10/14/2013 CHAPTER 550, Statutes of 2013
AB 880 (Gomez)	New Large Employer Penalties: Health Care	OPPOSE	CAHU is working with a coalition of employer organizations to OPPOSE AB 880, that seeks to impose a number of significant new penalties on large private employers with 500 or more (full time and part time combined) employees in California if an employee, that works as little as 12 hours per week, enrolls in Medi-Cal, among other onerous provisions. Contains urgency clause.	<i>Assembly Floor Inactive File</i> FAILED PASSAGE 6/27/2013 <i>Reconsideration Granted – Moved to INACTIVE FILE 7/1/2013</i>
AB 889 (Fraser)	Prescriptions	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES AB 889 that changes requirements on use of step therapies in health plans and reduces health plan flexibility in RX benefit management, increases health care costs and premiums, thereby reducing ability to offer an affordable choice of benefit packages.	<i>Senate Appropriations SUSPENSE FILE</i> HELD on SUSPENSE FILE: 8/30/2013
AB 912 (Quirk-Silva)	Health care coverage: fertility preservation.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES AB 912, although well meaning, would increase the cost of health care by up \$3million annually by adding new mandate for fertility preservation.	VETOED by Governor 10/5/2013
AB 1082 (Williams)	New Paystub Mandate: Healthcare	OPPOSE	CAHU is working with a coalition of employer organizations to OPPOSE AB 1082, which mandates new payroll stub mandate that requires all employers add new information regarding amount of health care coverage provided an employee per paycheck.	<i>Assembly Appropriations</i> HELD on SUSPENSE: 5/24/2013

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AB 1129 (Gaines, Beth)	Income Tax: Health Savings Accounts.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 1129 which conforms state tax law to federal tax laws pertaining to health savings accounts (HSAs) deductibility in order to provide savings to employees and employers.	<i>Assembly Revenue & Taxation</i> HELD <i>On Rev & Tax SUSPENSE FILE: 5/13/2013</i>
AB 1180 (Pan)	State-Federal Conformity: HIPAA and state conversion products	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 1180 that resolves an important state-federal conformity issue by helping avoid a situation where health plans, absent this legislation, would be required to sell federal HIPAA and state conversion products that are out of compliance with the ACA.	SIGNED by Governor 10/1/2013 CHAPTER 441, Statutes of 2013
AB 1355 (Wilk)	Limited liability companies: indemnification: agents.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	CAHU is working with a business coalition to address concerns regarding possible limited liability company (LLC) lawsuit exposure for acts of agents or employees.	<i>Assembly Judiciary 2/22/2013</i> 2-YEAR BILL
AB 1372 (Bonilla)	Health insurance: pervasive developmental disorder or autism.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS AB 1372, which ensures continued access to care for those with autism by extending the sunset on the definition of providers authorized to treat this disorder.	<i>Assembly Health</i> 2-YEAR BILL
SB 126 (Steinberg)	Health care coverage: pervasive developmental disorder or autism.	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS SB 126, which ensures continued coverage for those with autism or developmental disorders by extending the program sunset date from 2014 to 2020.	SIGNED by Governor 10/9/2013 CHAPTER 680, Statutes of 2013
SB 161 (Hernandez)	Stop-loss insurance coverage.	NEUTRAL POSITION as AMENDED	SB 161, which deals with stop loss coverage for small employers, was substantially amended to address major concerns of stop loss insurers, Cal Chamber and agent organizations. CAHU has removed opposition and now has no position on SB 161.	SIGNED by Governor 10/1/2013 CHAPTER 443, Statutes of 2013

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SB 189 (Monning)	Health care coverage: wellness programs.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SB 189 which unreasonably proposes to bar wellness programs until 2020 unless a wellness program meets a number of restrictive conditions, including elimination of most financial incentives linked to health improvement and outcomes.	<i>Senate Appropriations</i> FAILED PASSAGE 5/23/2013
SB 320 (Beall)	Health care coverage: acquired brain injury.	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SB 320, which, though well meaning, would increase health insurance costs by establishing a new coverage mandate for acquired brain injuries.	<i>Senate Appropriations</i> HELD on SUSPENSE FILE 5/23/2013
SB 353 (Lieu)	Health Insurance: Marketing Materials: New Interpreter Mandate	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SB 353 which will add new mandate on plans and agents to use professional interpreters to translate welcome letters notices of essential benefits, among other documents that may be provided to health care insurance consumers, if that company markets services in a language other than English.	SIGNED by Governor 10/1/2013 CHAPTER 447, Statutes of 2013
SB 494 (Monning)	Health Care Practitioners: Expanded Access	SUPPORT	CAHU SUPPORTS SB 494 that broadens access to care for health care consumers by permitting physicians to more effectively use the skills of physician assistants and nurse practitioners in their practices.	SIGNED by Governor 10/9/2013 CHAPTER 684, Statutes of 2013
SB 509 (DeSaulnier)	HBEX: Pre-employment Background Checks	SUPPORT	CAHU supports SB 509 to will require responsible pre-engagement and pre-employment background checks for those working with or associated with the California Health Benefit Exchange and Covered California.	SIGNED by Governor 6/18/2013 Chapter 10, Statutes of 2013

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SB 639 (Hernandez)	Health Benefit Exchange Plans: Competition Elimination	NEUTRAL	Originally opposed due to unreasonable mandates to standardize all plans inside and out of the Exchanges, plus rigid out of pocket maximums, SB 639 was amended to address CAHU concerns by eliminating standardization language and revising upward out-of-pocket maximums to federally permitted \$6,500 individual and \$12,700 families, among other improvements to the bill. CAHU subsequently NEUTRAL on SB 639	SIGNED by Governor 9/20/2013 CHAPTER 316, Statutes of 2013
SB 746 (Leno)	Health Plans: New Paperwork Mandate	OPPOSE	CAHU OPPOSES SB 746 that would place burdensome reporting requirements on health plans and attempts to insert the legislature in into a private, voluntary contract discussion between a plan and a large group purchaser.	VETOED by Governor 10/13/2013