



**NOTICE OF A
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CALOPTIMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020
2:30 P.M.**

**CALOPTIMA
505 CITY PARKWAY WEST, SUITE 107-N
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA 92868**

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER
Pledge of Allegiance

II. ESTABLISH QUORUM

III. APPROVE MINUTES

- A. Approve Minutes of the August 13, 2020 Regular Meeting of the CalOptima Board of Directors' Member Advisory Committee**

- B. [Approve Minutes of the October 10, 2020 Joint Meeting of the Member Advisory Committee, OneCare Connect Member Advisory Committee, Provider Advisory Committee and Whole-Child Model Family Advisory Committee](#)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Member Advisory Committee on matters not appearing on the agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes

V. REPORTS

- A. Consider Recommendation of Recipients of CalWORKs Representative

VI. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- A. [Chief Executive Officer Update](#)
- B. Chief Operating Officer Update
- C. Chief Medical Officer Update

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Committee Member Updates
- B. OneCare Connect Transition
- C. [Federal and State Legislative Update](#)

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALOPTIMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 13, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the CalOptima Board of Directors' Member Advisory Committee (MAC) was held on August 13, 2020, at CalOptima, 505 City Parkway West, Orange, California.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tolbert called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Members Present: Christine Tolbert, Chair; Pamela Pimentel, Vice Chair; Diana Cruz-Toro; Sandra Finestone; Connie Gonzalez; Patty Mouton; Sally Molnar; Jaime Munoz; Sr. Mary Therese Sweeney; Steve Thronson; Mallory Vega

Members Absent:

Others Present: Richard Sanchez, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Ladan Khamseh, Chief Operating Officer; David Ramirez, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; Gary Crockett, Chief Counsel; Emily Fonda, M.D., Deputy Chief Medical Officer; Candice Gomez, Executive Director, Program Implementation; Belinda Abeyta, Executive Director, Operations; Tracy Hitzeman, Executive Director Clinical Operations; Betsy Ha, Executive Director, Quality & Population Health Management; Mary Botts, Enterprise Analytics Manager; TC Roady, Director, Regulatory Affairs; Cheryl Simmons, Sr. Program Specialist, Staff to the Advisory Committees; Samantha Fontenot, Program Assistant, Customer Service.

Chair Tolbert welcomed the new MAC members Melisa Nicholson and Steve Thronson to the Committee. The new members were appointed at the June 4, 2020 Board meeting and began their terms on July 1, 2020.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Special Meeting of the CalOptima Board of Directors' Member Advisory Committee

Action: On motion of Member Molnar, seconded and carried, the MAC approved the minutes as submitted. (13-0-0, member)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

Consider Recommendation of Consumer Representative Seat

MAC received a letter of interest from Kate Polezhaev a current CalOptima Medi-Cal member. Ms. Polezhaev is a full-time student at California State University, Fullerton where she is studying for her master's degree in Public Policy. Ms. Polezhaev is a California Certified Medical Assistant (CCMA) and is an active volunteer in the Anaheim community where she volunteers her time to assist others less fortunate.

Action: On motion of Member Pimentel, seconded and carried, the Committee approved the recommendation of the Consumer Representative seat (Motion carried 13-0-0)

Consider Recommendation of MAC Chair and Vice Chair

MAC received a letter of interest for the Chair position from Christine Tolbert current Chair and the Persons with Special Needs Representative. After no further nominations from the floor, Member Vega requested a motion to recommend Christine Tolbert as the MAC Chair for FY 2020-22.

Action: On motion of Member Mouton, seconded and carried, the Committee approved the recommendation of Christine Tolbert as the MAC Chair (Motion carried 13-0-1 Chair Tolbert abstained)

MAC also received a letter of interest from current MAC member Pamela Pimentel Children Representative for the Vice Chair position. There were no further nominations from the floor, Member Vega asked for a motion to recommend Pamela Pimentel as the MAC Vice Chair for 2020-22.

Action: On motion of Member Tolbert, seconded and carried, the Committee approved the recommendation of Pamela Pimentel as the MAC Vice Chair (Motion carried 12-0-1; Vice Chair Pimentel abstained)

CEO AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer Update

Richard Sanchez, Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided a verbal update on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal expansion rate reductions which will be implemented on January 1, 2021. He noted that more information will be forthcoming from DHCS and that he would keep the MAC updated.

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Update

Ladan Khamseh, Chief Operating Officer, welcomed the new MAC members to the Committee and provided a verbal update on the annual Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) outreach program and noted that letters were sent out to members who have Part B Medicare but also qualify for Part A. Ms. Khamseh discussed how all Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans including CalOptima would

need to apply for the Annual Health Network Certification by March 2021, which would become effective July 2021. Ms. Khamseh asked Michelle Laughlin, Executive Director, Network Operations to provide a brief report on CalOptima's plan for network certification.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Update

David Ramirez, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, discussed the COVID-19 numbers for Orange County. He noted that testing capabilities have increased in Orange County and new testing sites have opened throughout the County with a large site at the Anaheim Convention Center. Dr. Ramirez also provided an update on the Health Home Program Phase 2 which became effective July 1, 2020 and the Hospital Data Exchange Program. Dr. Ramirez updated the committee on the status of the virtual care or telehealth options that are available to CalOptima and its members. He also noted that over 200,000 members have used this option.

INFORMATION ITEMS

MAC Member Updates

Chair Tolbert announced that the Board at their August 6, 2020 meeting appointed Steve Thronson as the Orange County Healthcare Agency (OHCA) representative. She also announced that Diana Cruz-Toro had resigned her seat from the MAC due to her pending retirement from the Social Services Agency. Chair Tolbert thanked Ms. Cruz-Toro for her service on the MAC and noted that a special recruitment will be undertaken for a CalWORKS Representative. Chair Tolbert noted that the committee also continues to recruit for a Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Representative. Ms. Tolbert reminded the Members of the upcoming Joint Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2020 at 8:00 AM with the OneCare Connect Member Advisory Committee, Provider Advisory Committee and the Whole-Child Model Family Advisory Committee.

Homeless Health Initiative Update

David Ramirez, M.D., and Candice Gomez, Executive Director, Program Implementation presented on the Homeless Health Initiative. Ms. Gomez discussed the Homeless Health Initiative goals, Clinical Field Teams (CFT) pilot design, the CFT's structure, scheduled services at shelters, hotspots and the referral source role. Dr. Ramirez provided an overview of the roles that CalOptima, the Health Networks as well as CFT facts and figures that included the number of calls dispatched, number of patients treated and provided detailed numbers of on-call visit locations and referral sources.

Federal & State Legislative Update

TC Rody, Director, Regulatory Affairs, provided a verbal update on the FY 2020-21 California State Budget which officially went into effect on June 29, 2020. Mr. Rody noted that due to COVID-19 impacts and the anticipated budget deficit and Medi-Cal enrollment growth, the CalAIM Program has been postponed. Mr. Rody also reviewed the Pharmacy Carve-Out which becomes effective date January 1, 2021.

Annual HEDIS Update

Irma Munoz, Project Manager Lead, Quality Analytics, gave a brief presentation on CalOptima's annual HEDIS results. Ms. Munoz reviewed DHCS regulatory reporting requirements for Managed

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Care Plans called the Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) accreditation scores. Ms. Munoz noted that the medical records data collection had faced challenges due to COVID-19 and that CalOptima was successful in meeting all the DHCS minimum performance levels.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Tolbert adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

/s/ Cheryl Simmons
Cheryl Simmons
Staff to the Advisory Committees

Approved: November 12, 2020

MINUTES

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
CALOPTIMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
ONECARE CONNECT
CAL MEDICONNECT PLAN (MEDICARE-MEDICAID PLAN)
MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
WHOLE CHILD MODEL FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 8, 2020

A Joint Meeting of the CalOptima Board of Directors' Member Advisory Committee (MAC), OneCare Connect Member Advisory Committee (OCC MAC), Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) and Whole-Child Model Advisory Committee (WCM FAC) was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 via GoTo Webinar at the CalOptima offices located at 505 City Parkway West, Orange, California.

CALL TO ORDER

MAC Chair Tolbert called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m., and WCM FAC Vice Chair Deeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Member Advisory Committee

Members Present: Christine Tolbert, Chair; Maura Byron; Sandy Finestone; Connie Gonzalez; Hai Hoang; Sally Molnar; Patty Mouton; Melisa Nicholson; Kate Polezhaev; Sr. Mary Terese Sweeney; Steve Thronson

Members Absent: Pamela Pimentel, Vice Chair; Mallory Vega

OneCare Connect Member Advisory Committee

Members Present: Patty Mouton, Chair; Keiko Gamez, Vice Chair; Meredith Chillemi; Josefina Diaz; Eleni Hailemariam, M.D. (non-voting); Sandy Finestone; Sara Lee; Mario Parada; Donald Stukes

Members Absent: Jyothi Atluri (non-voting); Gio Corzo; Erin Ulibarri (non-voting)

Provider Advisory Committee

Members Present: Junie Lazo-Pearson, Ph.D., Chair; John Nishimoto, O.D., Vice Chair; Alpesh Amin, M.D.; Anjan Batra, M.D.; Jennifer Birdsall, Tina Bloomer; Donald Bruhns, Dr. Inglis, Jena Jensen; John Kelly, M.D.; Teri Miranti; Alex Rossel; Loc Tran, Pharm.D.

Members Absent: Peter Korchin; Christy Ward

Whole-Child Model Family Advisory Committee

Members Present: Brenda Deeley, Vice Chair; Maura Byron; Sandra Cortez-Schultz; Jacque Knudsen; Monica Maier; Malissa Watson;

Members Absent: Cathleen Collins, Kathleen Lear, Kristen Rogers
WCM FAC did not achieve a quorum.

Others Present: Richard Sanchez, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Ladan Khamseh, Chief Operating Officer; David Ramirez, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; Emily Fonda, M.D., Deputy Chief Medical Officer; Gary Crockett, Chief Counsel; Belinda Abeyta, Executive Director, Operations; Candice Gomez, Executive Director, Program Implementation; Betsy Ha, Executive Director, Quality and Population Health Management; Tracy Hitzeman, Executive Director Clinical Operations; Michelle Laughlin, Executive Director, Network Operations; Thanh-Tam Nguyen, M.D., Medical Director, Medical Management; Albert Cardenas, Director, Customer Service; Cheryl Simmons, Staff to the Advisory Committees; Samantha Fontenot, Program Assistant, Customer Service

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WELCOME

Richard Sanchez, Interim Chief Executive Officer, welcomed members from the four Board Advisory Committees.

INFORMATION ITEMS

25th Anniversary Presentation

Ladan Khamseh, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief review of CalOptima's first 25 years. Ms. Khamseh thanked the Chairs, Vice Chairs and members of the advisory committees as well as the providers who have served since CalOptima's inception in 1995. Ms. Khamseh suggested that the members review the full presentation at their leisure.

WCM FAC Vice Chair Deeley reordered the agenda to hear V.C Medi-Cal Rx ahead of the Be Well OC presentation to allow time to address technical issues related to that presentation.

Medi-Cal Rx

OCC MAC Vice Chair Keiko Gamez introduced Emily Fonda, M.D., Deputy Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Fonda provided an overview of the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS)

plan to transition of the Medi-Cal Pharmacy benefit from the Managed Care Plans (MCPs) (including CalOptima) to Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) program effective January 1, 2021. Dr. Fonda noted that there would be no change to OneCare (OC) and OneCare Connect (OCC) and PACE members as they will continue receiving medications through CalOptima's Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM), MedImpact. Committee members continued to express concerns about the transition and about the importance of ensuring that members continue to have access to the medications they need.

Be Well OC

WCM FAC Vice Chair Deeley introduced Marshall Moncrief, Chief Executive Officer of Mind-OC. Mr. Moncrief provided an overview of the Be Well OC program, noting that it is intended to facilitate coordination of the delivery of behavioral health healthcare services.

Myopia Control

PAC Vice Chair Nishimoto introduced Erin Rueff, O.D., who provided a presentation on Myopia or "nearsightedness" in children. Dr. Rueff noted that half of the world's population are projected to be affected by myopia by 2050 and discussed how extensive optometric and ophthalmological research has been able to slow the progression of myopia by using topical eye drops and specially designed contact lenses.

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

MAC Chair Tolbert welcomed Kate Polezhaev to the MAC as the new Consumer Representative and asked the members to continue to help with the recruitment of a Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Representative. Chair Tolbert announced MAC would hold a special meeting on November 12, 2020 at 2:30 P.M.

OCC MAC Vice Chair Gamez welcomed Meredith Chillemi as the new Long-Term Care Representative on the OCC MAC and announced the next OCC MAC regular meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.

PAC Chair Dr. Lazo-Pearson announced that PAC would hold its regular meeting on November 12, 2020 and that there would be a Special Joint Meeting of all Board Advisory Committees on December 10, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. She also reminded all committee members that compliance training needs to be completed by November 6, 2020.

WCM FAC Vice Chair Deeley announced WCM FAC would hold its regular meeting on October 27, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committees, WCM FAC Vice Chair Deeley adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

/s/ Cheryl Simmons

Cheryl Simmons

Staff to the Advisory Committees

Approved by OCC MAC: October 22, 2020

Approved by MAC: November 12, 2020

Approved by PAC: November 12, 2020

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2020

TO: CalOptima Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Sanchez, Interim CEO

SUBJECT: CEO Report — November 5, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting

COPY: Sharon Dwiers, Clerk of the Board; Member Advisory Committee; Provider Advisory Committee; OneCare Connect Member Advisory Committee; and Whole-Child Model Family Advisory Committee

Regulator Honors CalOptima as the Only Medi-Cal Plan to Meet Quality Benchmark

On October 8, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) honored CalOptima for outstanding performance on 40 quality measures in the Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS). CalOptima was awarded for being the only Medi-Cal plan in the state to perform above the 50th percentile benchmark in all the quality measures for Reporting Year 2020, which tracks activity in Calendar Year 2019. MCAS comprises quality measures that the state has chosen to assess overall performance in many areas, such as well-child visits, immunizations, cancer screenings, medication management and more. CalOptima shared the news with health networks and providers, who are our partners in the effort to deliver quality care, as well as community stakeholders and employees. We are proud to say that CalOptima is the No. 1 quality Medi-Cal plan, according to state regulators.

CalOptima to Welcome New Executive Director, Public Affairs in November

On November 23, Rachel Selleck will join CalOptima as Executive Director, Public Affairs (Chief of Staff), a role that has been vacant for two years. Rachel has a master's degree in public policy from Pepperdine University and a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Berkeley. Most recently, she worked as chief of staff/public affairs manager at the Orange County Health Care Agency. Prior to that, she held a public affairs specialist role at John Wayne Airport and an account executive position for O'Rorke Public Relations & Advertising Agency, which works solely with government agencies. At CalOptima, Rachel will report directly to me and be responsible for the Communications, Public Policy and Strategic Development departments. I look forward to introducing her at the December 3 Board meeting.

COVID-19 Emergency Extended Until January 2021, Regulator Boosts Provider Funding

As of October 27, Orange County remains the Red Tier (Substantial Risk) of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, primarily based on higher testing positivity rates in certain lower-income areas, according to County reports. From CalOptima's first case until October 27, CalOptima has reported 3,325 positive cases, 1,916 hospitalizations and 334 deaths.

- On October 2, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) renewed the COVID-19 public health emergency with a full 90-day extension through January 21, 2021.
- HHS announced that it is providing \$20 billion in new provider relief funding. The funding is available for providers who have already received payments due to hardships experienced from COVID-19, previously ineligible providers and an expanded group of behavioral health providers. Providers can apply for the Phase 3 General Distribution payments through

November 6. CalOptima shared news about this opportunity with the provider community. Information is available on the HHS [website](#).

Homeless Health Initiatives Summarized Considering COVID-19

During 2019, many organizations, including CalOptima, responded to Orange County's homeless crisis. On April 4, 2019, the Board of Directors committed \$100 million for Homeless Health Initiatives. On December 5, 2019, the Board also established Guiding Principles to refine decision making, ensure investment in the most appropriate programs and respond to provider concerns. The summary document that follows my report provides an update about CalOptima's progress and response considering COVID-19. The pandemic creates considerable uncertainty in the health care environment and in the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. Several initiatives are expected to terminate on December 31, 2020. As a result, CalOptima anticipates requesting Board authority to extend initiatives and/or agreements to allow time to assess COVID-19 impacts and determine ongoing needs, for example, related to the Clinical Field Team and Whole-Person Care pilots.

Regulator Adjusts Timing for Network Certification, Medical Audit

The state announced the status of CalOptima's 2020 annual network certification and took additional actions that will impact CalOptima's certification and medical audit in the future.

- Annual Network Certification: DHCS notified CalOptima that our 2020 Annual Network Certification process is complete with no deficiencies. This is significant because it means CalOptima, in aggregate, has demonstrated access to required care for members. We have expressed appreciation to staff who worked on the certification and to health networks for their partnership. However, the process for network certification is changing whereby DHCS is increasing requirements for delegated health networks. Individual health networks must meet all standards for number and mix of primary and specialty providers, time and distance, service availability, physical accessibility and more, rather than CalOptima in aggregate. DHCS has announced a one-year delay in implementation until July 2022, which will provide more time for staff to work through operational challenges and more time for health networks to prepare.
- Annual Medical Audit: Due to the ongoing public health emergency, DHCS will not be conducting the annual medical audit of CalOptima's Medi-Cal program in 2021. Instead, the state will resume its audit cycle in 2022, most likely in February or March. At that time, DHCS will use a two-year lookback period rather than the customary one-year lookback period. Internal and external stakeholders must still comply with requirements in the 2021 audit protocols because that period will be audited.

Medi-Cal Rx Transition Approaching, Magellan Readies Its Call Center

The Medi-Cal Rx Advisory Workgroup met October 22, and CalOptima staff attended to ensure the latest understanding of all transition details. The topics covered included a general project update, review of policies and processes, details about the contract drug list and additions to the formulary, system testing overview, complaints and grievances policy changes based on stakeholder feedback, All-Plan Letter status, and discussion of the beneficiary notices and scripts. Medi-Cal Rx contractor Magellan reported that it is hiring 330 staff for the customer service call center and will support 17 threshold languages. The call center is not open until January 1, so in the interim, beneficiaries are instructed to call Medi-Cal or their health plan.

CalOptima has begun to field some calls from members with questions based on the first notice they received in October, and we are following the state's script with our responses.

Advisory Committees Come Together for Joint Meeting

CalOptima's four advisory committees (Member Advisory Committee, Provider Advisory Committee, OneCare Connect Member Advisory Committee and Whole-Child Model Family Advisory Committee) came together October 8 in a joint meeting to discuss topics of shared interest. To recognize CalOptima's 25th anniversary, Chief Operating Officer Ladan Khamseh and I kicked off the meeting with a brief expression of gratitude to the committees for their support. The meeting continued with three robust presentations:

- Marshall Moncrief, CEO of Mind OC, provided a status report about the Be Well OC facilities and the movement to build a comprehensive, coordinated mental health system for Orange County. Committee members were interested in this effort and its potential impact.
- Deputy Chief Medical Officer Emily Fonda, M.D., shared an overview of the upcoming transition to Medi-Cal Rx. Participants asked numerous questions and expressed concerns.
- Erin Rueff, O.D., Ph.D., chief of Stein Family Cornea & Contact Lens Services at Ketchum Health, spoke about pediatric eye health and preventing myopia (nearsightedness), with special consideration to this time of high computer-screen usage.

Employees Connect and Learn During Multiple Engagement Efforts

October featured a high level of employee engagement through webinars and recognition weeks. Below is a summary of four events:

- All Hands: CalOptima held our quarterly All Hands meeting virtually on October 22. More than 900 attended the live webinar, and others chose to access a recording later. COO Ladan Khamseh and I continued CalOptima's 25th anniversary celebration by highlighting our major milestones. PACE Director Elizabeth Lee showed fun photos from the PACE 7th anniversary drive-thru event. Betsy Ha, Executive Director of Quality & Population Health Management, and Marie Jeannis, Director of Enterprise Analytics, presented some new research into health disparities within CalOptima's ethnic populations. This data will be shared with your Board's Quality Assurance Committee in December.
- Customer Service Week: Continuing a longstanding tradition in a new way, CalOptima recognized Customer Service Week October 5–8 with virtual events, including a word search contest, webinar on teamwork and "Share a Smile" emails sent among co-workers. Customer Service Week honors the work that employees do with members and external partners as well as internal colleagues.
- Healthcare Quality Week: From October 19–21, CalOptima joined the national celebration of quality. Our theme was Equality, Equity and Justice, and via email messages, leaders aimed to educate staff about the emerging issues surrounding health disparities and their impact on overall health care quality.
- Cybersecurity Awareness Month: CalOptima's Information Services team led the agency's participation in National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Events included weekly informational emails and quizzes about key security topics. External guest speakers also presented three separate lunchtime webinars throughout the month on securing devices at home and at work, securing internet-connected devices in health care, and the future of connected devices.

CalOptima Community Outreach Focuses on Mental Health, Scholarship Opportunity

True to our roots as a local health plan, CalOptima continually strives to connect with community members and add value with support. Below are two examples:

- Cambodian and Vietnamese Mental Health Panel: On October 22, CalOptima Director and Orange County Health Care Agency Director Clayton Chau, M.D., and Edwin Poon, Ph.D., CalOptima Director of Behavioral Health Services (Integration) participated in a virtual [panel](#) presentation on mental health in the Cambodian and Vietnamese communities. They were joined by several other guests at the event, which was jointly sponsored by TimesOC, Viet Rainbow of Orange County and USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism. They discussed health disparities within the Cambodian and Vietnamese communities, shared mental health resources and emphasized the need for culturally sensitive care.
- Scholarship Essay Contest: For the past five years, employees have voluntarily funded a scholarship essay contest for CalOptima members who are interested in pursuing careers in health care or social services. This year, employees donated enough to offer two \$750 scholarships — one for a college-bound high school senior and another for an adult already in college. Entrants write three short essays about how they have benefited from CalOptima’s services, how their current studies will help them in the field of health care or social services, and why they are good scholarship candidates. The application is available [here](#), and the deadline is Friday, November 13. We hold the contest in part to nominate our winner for a \$5,000 national essay contest by the Association for Community Affiliated Plans.

2019–20 Legislative Tracking Matrix

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
H.R. 266 McCollum	<p>Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act: Authorizes \$483 billion to replenish segments of the CARES Act, expand coronavirus testing, and provide more support to hospitals and providers during this pandemic. Of the \$483 billion, this bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$310 billion in funding for the Small Business Administration's PPP; ■ \$10 billion for Economic Injury Disaster Loans; ■ \$75 billion for the provider relief fund, managed by the Department of Health and Human Services, to cover treatment for COVID-19 patients and lost revenue from canceled elective procedures; and ■ \$25 billion to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID-19 tests. 	<p>04/24/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>04/23/2020 Passed the House</p> <p>04/21/2020 Passed the Senate</p> <p>01/08/2019 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
H.R. 748 Courtney	<p>CARES Act: Authorizes \$2.2 trillion in spending for health care and employment-related interventions. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$1.5 billion to support the purchase of personal protective equipment, lab testing, and other activities; ■ \$127 billion to provide grants to hospitals, public entities, and nonprofits, and Medicare and Medicaid suppliers and providers to cover unreimbursed health care related expenses or lost revenues due to COVID-19; ■ \$1.32 billion in supplemental funding for community health centers; ■ \$955 million to support nutrition programs, home and community-based services, support for family caregivers, and expanded oversight for seniors and individuals with disabilities; ■ \$945 million to support research on COVID-19; and ■ \$425 million to increase mental health services. 	<p>03/27/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>03/27/2020 Passed the House</p> <p>03/25/2020 Passed the Senate</p> <p>01/24/2019 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
H.R. 6201 Lowey	<p>Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Allocates billions of federal funding support related to COVID-19. Funds are to be utilized for an emergency increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) for Medicaid of 6.2%, emergency paid sick leave and unemployment insurance, COVID-19 testing at no cost, food aid and other provisions. Of note, on March 6, 2020, President Trump signed into law an emergency supplemental funding package of \$8.3 billion for treating and preventing the spread of COVID-19.</p>	<p>03/18/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>03/17/2020 Passed the Senate</p> <p>03/14/2020 Passed the House</p> <p>03/11/2020 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
H.R. 6462 Cisneros, Gallegos	<p>Emergency Medicaid for Coronavirus Treatment Act: Would expand Medicaid eligibility to any American diagnosed with COVID-19 or any other illness that rises to the level of a presidential national emergency declaration. Additionally, would require Medicaid coverage for all COVID-19 treatment and testing to continue even after the national emergency is over.</p>	<p>04/07/2020 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch

2019–20 Legislative Tracking Matrix (continued)

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
H.R. 6666 Rush	COVID-19 Testing, Reaching, and Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act: Would authorize the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to award grants for testing, contact tracing, monitoring, and other activities to address COVID-19. Those eligible to receive grant funding would include federally qualified health centers, nonprofit organizations, and certain hospitals and schools. Additionally, would allocate \$100 billion for fiscal year 2020 for the disbursement of CDC grant funds.	05/01/2020 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch
SB 89 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Emergency Budget Response to COVID-19: Appropriates \$500 million General Fund by amending the Budget Act of 2019. Funds will be allocated to any use related to Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020 State of Emergency regarding COVID-19. Additionally, authorizes additional appropriations related to COVID-19 in increments of \$50 million, effective 72 hours following notification of the Director of Finance. Of note, the total amount appropriated to COVID-19 is not to exceed \$1 billion.	03/17/2020 Signed into law 03/16/2020 Enrolled with the Governor 01/10/2019 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch
AB 685 Reyes	COVID-19 Workplace Exposure Notifications and Reporting: Effective January 1, 2021, establishes employer notification and reporting requirements when an employer learns of a potential COVID-19 exposure at a worksite. Specifically, an employer must send a notice of potential exposure to all employees who were at the same worksite. The notification must include information about workers' compensation and leave options, as well as the employer's disinfection plan. In addition, the employer must report information about diagnosed employees to the local health agency within forty-eight (48) hours of learning that at least three (3) employees working at the same site have tested positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period.	09/17/2020 Signed into law 08/31/2020 Passed Assembly floor 08/30/2020 Passed Senate floor 06/29/2020 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch
SB 117 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Emergency Budget Response to COVID-19 at Schools: Appropriates \$100 million Proposition 98 General Fund to ensure schools are able to purchase protective equipment or supplies for cleaning school sites. Funds will be distributed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.	03/17/2020 Signed into law 03/16/2020 Enrolled with the Governor 01/10/2019 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch

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Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
SB 275 Pan, Leyva	Personal Protective Equipment: Would require the State Department of Public Health to establish a personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpile to ensure an adequate supply of PPE for health care workers and essential workers. Would require the stockpile to have enough supplies for no less than a 45-day pandemic or other state or local health emergency. Additionally, would require general acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, integrated health systems, and licensed dialysis clinics to maintain a 45-day stockpile of PPE. Would establish the Personal Protective Equipment Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Department of Industrial Relations and State Department of Public Health regarding necessary types and amount of PPE, procurement and supply chain resilience, storage, and other best practices.	09/29/2020 Signed into law 08/31/2020 Passed Assembly floor 05/02/2019 Passed Senate floor 02/13/2019 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch CalPACE: Oppose
SB 1159 Hill	COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Benefits: Effective immediately and until January 1, 2023, when a qualifying employee files a workers' compensation claim for a COVID-19 diagnosis, the claim is presumed to be payable for both medical treatment and temporary disability benefits after all COVID-19-related paid sick leave has been exhausted. The employer may submit evidence to dispute the claim within forty-five (45) days of claim filing, including evidence of measures in place to reduce potential COVID-19 transmission and evidence of the employee's non-work-related risks of COVID-19 infection. Qualifying employees include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Certain types of first responders and healthcare workers with a diagnosis of COVID-19. ■ Any employee who is diagnosed with COVID-19 during an outbreak of COVID-19 at the employee's worksite. 	09/17/2020 Signed into law 08/31/2020 Passed Assembly floor 06/26/2020 Passed Senate floor 04/22/2020 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch

STATE BUDGET BILLS

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
AB 79	Human Services: Enacts human services trailer bills in the California 2020-2021 budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Department of Developmental Services supplemental rate increases for specified providers including, independent living programs, infant development programs, and early start specialized therapeutic services ■ In-Home Supportive Services reassessment extensions due to delays related to COVID-19 and Governor Newsom's executive state of emergency order 	06/29/2020 Signed into law 06/26/2020 Passed Assembly floor 06/25/2020 Passed Senate floor 12/03/2018 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch

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Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
AB 80	<p>Public Health: Enacts health care trailer bills in the California 2020-2021 budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Medi-Cal managed care capitated payment rate reduction of 1.5 percent for the 18-month bridge period ■ Implementation of a Medi-Cal risk corridor for the 18-month bridge period ■ Prop 56 value-based payments and supplemental payments ■ Extension of the Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration ■ 340B Supplemental Payment Pool for non-hospital clinics ■ Expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal to seniors, regardless of immigration status ■ Extension of coverage for COVID-19 to uninsured individuals ■ Health Care Payment Data Program ■ Reimbursement for medication-assisted treatment services 	<p>06/29/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>6/26/2020 Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>06/25/2020 Passed Senate floor</p> <p>12/03/2018 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
AB 81	<p>Public Health: Enacts health care trailer bills in the California 2020-2021 budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Medi-Cal rate reimbursement methodology adjustments for skilled nursing facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic ■ Implementation of the skilled nursing facility quality assurance fee ■ County access to Mental Health Services Act funds for additional support related to COVID-19 	<p>06/29/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>6/26/2020 Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>06/25/2020 Passed Senate floor</p> <p>12/03/2018 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
AB 83	<p>Housing: Enacts housing trailer bills in the California 2020-2021 budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Funding to continue Project Roomkey ■ Bypassing certain California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations related to Project Roomkey 	<p>06/29/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>6/26/2020 Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>06/25/2020 Passed Senate floor</p> <p>12/03/2018 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
AB 89	<p>Fiscal Year 2020-2021 California State Budget: Enacts a \$202.1 billion spending plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, with General Fund spending at \$133.9 billion. The following included within the state budget will have a direct impact to Medi-Cal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Funding to address Medi-Cal caseloads ■ Provisions to maintain Community Based Adult Services, the Multipurpose Senior Services Program, and other optional benefits ■ Funding to address the COVID-19 pandemic 	<p>06/29/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>6/26/2020 Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>06/25/2020 Passed Senate floor</p> <p>12/03/2018 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
H.R. 1425 Craig	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act (PPACEA): Would, among other things, lower health care costs through fair drug price negotiations, provide additional protections for those with preexisting health conditions, and offer 100 percent federal matching funds for states that choose to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. The bill also would reduce the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages for the fourteen remaining non-expansion states and permanently authorize the Children’s Health Insurance Program.	06/30/2020 Passed the House; Referred to the Senate 02/22/2020 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
AB 2265 Quirk-Silva	Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funds for Cooccurring Conditions: Authorizes MHSA funds to include treatment of a substance use disorder for an individual with cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders, when that individual is already eligible to receive mental health services through an MHSA-funded program. The authorization applies across the state. Additionally, requires the county that elects to utilize MHSA funding for this purpose to report the number of people assessed for cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders and the number of those assessed who only have a substance use disorder to the Department of Health Care Services.	09/25/2020 Signed into law 08/28/2020 Passed Senate floor 06/02/2020 Passed Assembly floor 02/14/2020 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch Orange County Board of Supervisors: Support
SB 803 Beall	Mental Health Peer Support Services Certificate: Creates requirements for a Certified Peer Support Specialist (PSS) certification program by July 1, 2022. Allows an individual 18 years of age or older, who has experienced a mental illness and/or a substance use disorder or is a parent or family member of such individual, to become a PSS. A PSS is able to provide non-medical specialty mental health and substance abuse support services in a county that opts in to establish a PSS certification program and funds the non-federal share of those services. This requires the Department of Health Care Services to develop and implement billing codes, reimbursement rates, and claim requirements for the PSS program. Additionally, requires the Department to include PSS as a Medi-Cal provider type and PSS services as a distinct service type in participating counties.	09/25/2020 Signed into law 08/31/2020 Passed Assembly floor 06/24/2020 Passed Senate floor 01/08/2020 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch LHPC: Support Orange County Board of Supervisors: Support

BLOOD LEAD SCREENINGS

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
AB 2276 Reyes	<p>Blood Lead Screening Tests Age Guidelines: Requires the Medi-Cal managed care plan (MCP) to ensure blood lead screening tests for a Medi-Cal beneficiary at 12 and 24 months of age by doing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Identify, on a quarterly basis, every child beneficiary that has missed a blood screening test; ■ If a test was missed, notify the beneficiary’s health care provider of the requirement to perform a test and provide guidance to the parent/guardian; ■ Submit to the Department of Health Care Services, on an annual basis and upon request, a record of every beneficiary under six years of age that has missed a blood screening test, including the age at which a test was missed; and ■ If a parent/guardian declines a recommended screening, ensure that the parent/guardian signs a statement of refusal to be documented in the child’s medical record. 	<p>09/28/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>08/29/2020 Passed Senate floor</p> <p>06/10/2020 Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>02/14/2020 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch

COVERED BENEFITS

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
H.R. 4618 McBath	<p>Medicare Hearing Act of 2019: Effective no sooner than January 1, 2022, would require Medicare Part B to cover the cost of hearing aids for Medicare beneficiaries. Hearing aids would be provided every five years and would require a prescription from a doctor or qualified audiologist.</p>	<p>1/24/2020 Passed the Committee on Energy and Commerce</p> <p>10/08/2019 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
H.R. 4650 Kelly	<p>Medicare Dental Act of 2019: Effective no sooner than January 1, 2022, would require Medicare Part B to cover the cost of dental health services for Medicare beneficiaries. Covered benefits would include preventive and screening services, basic and major treatments, and other care related to oral health.</p>	<p>1/24/2020 Passed the Committee on Energy and Commerce</p> <p>10/11/2019 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
H.R. 4665 Schrier	<p>Medicare Vision Act of 2019: No sooner than January 1, 2022, would require Medicare Part B to cover the cost of vision care for Medicare beneficiaries. Covered benefits would include routine eye exams and corrective lenses. Corrective lenses covered would be either one pair of conventional eyeglasses or contact lenses.</p>	<p>1/24/2020 Passed the Committee on Energy and Commerce</p> <p>10/11/2019 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch

HOMELESSNESS

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
H.R. 1978 Correa/Lieu	<p>Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act: Similar to S. 923, would establish a federal grant program within the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund comprehensive homeless support services through the appropriation of \$750 million each year for five years, beginning in FY 2020. Included would be a one-time grant of \$100,000 to support program planning for existing programs serving those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Each eligible entity would be able to receive up to \$25 million each year for up to five years.</p> <p>Government entities eligible to apply for grant funding would include counties, cities, regional or local agencies, Indian tribes or tribal organizations. Each agency would be able to enter partnerships to meet eligibility status. Additionally, comprehensive homeless support services, such as mental health services, supportive housing, transitional support, and case management must be provided by the agency to be considered to receive grant funding. Individuals eligible to receive comprehensive homeless support services through this program include persons who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless, including families, individuals, children and youths.</p>	<p>03/28/2019 Introduced; Referred to the Committee on Financial Services</p>	CalOptima: Watch
S. 923 Feinstein	<p>Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act: Similar to H.R. 1978, would establish a federal grant program within the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund comprehensive homeless support services through the appropriation of \$750 million each year for five years, beginning in FY 2020. Included would be a one-time grant of \$100,000 to support program planning for existing programs serving those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Each eligible entity would be able to receive up to \$25 million each year for up to five years.</p> <p>Government entities eligible to apply for grant funding would include counties, cities, regional or local agencies, Indian tribes or tribal organizations. Each agency would be able to enter partnerships to meet eligibility status. Additionally, comprehensive homeless support services, such as mental health services, supportive housing, transitional support, and case management must be provided by the agency to be considered to receive grant funding. Individuals eligible to receive comprehensive homeless support services through this program include persons who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless, including families, individuals, children and youths.</p>	<p>03/28/2019 Introduced; Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</p>	CalOptima: Watch Orange County Board of Supervisors: Support

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Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
AB 2746 Petrie-Norris, Gabriel	Accountability of State Funds Used for Homelessness: Would have required any entity that receives state funds for programs related to homelessness, including, but not limited to, the Whole-Person Care pilot program, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), or the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program, to submit a standardized report regarding the use of state funds. The report would have been sent annually to the state agency granting funds for the program.	<p>09/29/2020 Vetoed</p> <p>08/30/2020 Passed Senate floor</p> <p>06/10/2020 Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>02/20/2020 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch

PHARMACY

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
AB 2100 Wood	Pharmacy Benefit Carve-Out (Medi-Cal Rx) Modifications: Would have required the Department of Health Care Services to establish the Independent Prescription Drug Medical Review System (IPDMRS) for the outpatient pharmacy benefit, and to develop a framework for the system that models the requirements of the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act, no sooner than January 1, 2021. Would have required the IPDMRS to review grievances regarding any outpatient prescription drug benefit that was denied, modified, or delayed due to a finding that the service is not medically necessary or was experimental. Additionally, would have required a minimum 180 days for continuity of care for medications regardless if listed on the Medi-Cal contract drug list. Finally, would have allowed the Department to provide a disease management payment to contracted pharmacies for specialty drugs in order to ensure beneficiary access.	<p>09/29/2020 Vetoed</p> <p>08/28/2020 Passed Senate floor</p> <p>06/10/2020 Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>02/05/2020 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch
SB 852 Pan	California Affordable Drug Manufacturing Act of 2020: Requires the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) to enter into partnerships with one or more drug companies or generic drug manufacturers, licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration, to produce or distribute generic prescription drugs, including at least one form of insulin, in order to reduce the cost of prescription drugs. Requires CHHSA to study and report to the Legislature on the feasibility of the State directly manufacturing and selling generic prescription drugs, no later than July 1, 2023.	<p>09/28/2020 Signed into law</p> <p>08/31/2020 Passed Assembly floor</p> <p>06/25/2020 Passed Senate floor</p> <p>01/13/2020 Introduced</p>	CalOptima: Watch CAHP: Support

PROVIDERS

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
AB 890 Wood	Nurse Practitioners Scope of Practice: Establishes the Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee to provide recommendations and advice to the Board of Registered Nursing. Effective January 1, 2021, permits a nurse practitioner to perform specified functions without standardized procedures, including ordering, performing, and interpreting diagnostic procedures, certifying disability, and prescribing, administering, dispensing, and furnishing controlled substances, when practicing in a setting with one or more physicians. Also requires the Board of Registered Nursing to define the minimum requirements for which a nurse practitioner may transition to practice without standardized procedures within three (3) years. Effective January 1, 2023, permits a nurse practitioner to practice independently in a setting without a physician, after an additional three (3) years of practice experience.	09/29/2020 Signed into law 08/31/2020 Passed Senate floor 01/27/2020 Passed Assembly floor 02/20/2019 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch LHPC: Support

TELEHEALTH

Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
H.R. 4932 Thompson	Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act of 2019: Similar to S. 2741, would expand telehealth services for those receiving Medicare benefits and remove restrictions in the Medicare program that prevent physicians from using telehealth technology. Would also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with the authority to waive telehealth restrictions when necessary; ■ Remove geographic and originating site restrictions for services like mental health and emergency medical care; ■ Allow rural health clinics and other community-based health care centers to provide telehealth services; and ■ Require a study to explore more ways to expand telehealth services so that more people can access health care services in their own homes. 	10/30/2019 Introduced; Referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means	CalOptima: Watch AHIP: Support
S. 2741 Schatz	Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act of 2019: Similar to H.R. 4932, would expand telehealth services for those receiving Medicare benefits and remove restrictions in the Medicare program that prevent physicians from using telehealth technology. Would also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with the authority to waive telehealth restrictions when necessary; ■ Remove geographic and originating site restrictions for services like mental health and emergency medical care; ■ Allow rural health clinics and other community-based health care centers to provide telehealth services; and ■ Require a study to explore more ways to expand telehealth services so that more people can access health care services in their own homes. 	10/30/2019 Introduced; Referred to the Committee on Finance	CalOptima: Watch AHIP: Support

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Bill Number (Author)	Bill Summary	Bill Status	Position/Notes*
AB 2164 Rivas, Salas	Expanding Access to Telehealth: Would have no longer required the first visit at a federally qualified health clinic to be an in-person visit by authorizing telehealth appointments that occur by synchronous real time or asynchronous store and forward. This would have allowed the new patient the option to utilize telehealth services and become an established patient as their first visit. This would have only applied during the COVID-19 pandemic and up to 180 days post-termination of the state of emergency.	09/26/2020 Vetoed 08/28/2020 Passed Senate floor 06/10/2020 Passed Assembly floor 02/11/2020 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch LHPC: Support
AB 2360 Maienschein	Mothers and Children Mental Health Support Act of 2020: Would have created a telehealth program used to conduct mental health consultations and treatments for children, pregnant women, and postpartum persons, effective no sooner than July 1, 2021. Would have permitted telehealth services to be conducted by video or audio-only calls. Additionally, would have required the telehealth consultation appointment to be completed by a mental health clinician with expertise in providing care for pregnant, postpartum, and pediatric patients. Would have required access to a psychiatrist when deemed appropriate or requested by the treating provider.	09/26/2020 Vetoed 08/28/2020 Passed Senate floor 06/10/2020 Passed Assembly floor 02/19/2020 Introduced	CalOptima: Watch CAHP: Oppose LHPC: Oppose

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2020 Federal Legislative Dates

April 4–19	Spring recess
August 10–September 7	Summer recess
October 12–November 6	Fall recess

2020 State Legislative Dates*

*Due to COVID-19, 2020 State Legislative dates have been modified

January 6	Legislature reconvenes
January 31	Last day for bills introduced in 2019 to pass their house of origin
February 21	Last day for legislation to be introduced
April 2–12	Spring recess
May 22	Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills to fiscal committees introduced in the Assembly
May 29	Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills to fiscal committees introduced in the Senate
May 29	Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in the Assembly
June 5	Last day for fiscal committees hear and report to the floor bills introduced in the Assembly
June 15	Budget bill must be passed by midnight
June 15–19	Assembly floor session only
June 19	Last day for the Assembly to pass bills in their house of origin
June 19	Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in the Senate
June 22–26	Senate floor session only
June 26	Last day for the Senate to pass bills in their house of origin
July 2–July 27^{one}	Summer recess
July 31	Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees
August 7	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills to the floor
August 14	Last day for fiscal committees to report bills to the floor
August 17–31	Floor session only
August 21	Last day to amend bills on the floor
August 31	Last day for bills to be passed. Final recess begins upon adjournment
September 30	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature
November 3	General Election
December 7	Convening of the 2021–22 session

Sources: 2020 State Legislative Deadlines, California State Assembly: <http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>

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