

Legislation Update – April 2019

Federal Legislation

Bill Number	Title	Synopsis
HR 149 - Green	Housing Fairness Act of 2019	To authorize funds to prevent housing discrimination through the use of nationwide testing.
HR – 6042 – Guthrie	To amend the XIV of the Social Security Act to delay the reduction in Federal Medical Assistance percentage.	This bill would delay by one year (January 1, 2020) the Medicaid federal matching rate reduction that is scheduled to take effect for States that fail to require Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)
S 117 – Cardenas	Disability Integration Act of 2019	A bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports.

State Legislation – Introduced to Date

Bill Number	Title	Synopsis
AB177 – Low	Adds Additional Holiday	Adds Election Day as State Holiday and additional day to Uniform Holiday Schedule.
AB189 – Kamiager	Adds to mandated reporters	Adds autism service providers, professionals, paraprofessionals to list of mandated reporters of suspected child abuse/neglect
AB365 – C. Garcia	Extend Internship to LEAP	Would remove sunset date
AB627 – Frazier	RC Satellite Office	Require evaluation of need for Satellite offices
AB640 – Frazier	Training on Sexual Abuse	Increasing training on sexual abuse.
AB736 – Irwin	ABLE Act Rollovers	Would allow the rollover of Tuition funds into an ABLE Account.
AB1019 – Frazier	Create Apprenticeship for I/DD	Add a committee to the Committee on Apprenticeship
AB1199 – Petrie-Norris	Issues related to Fairview DC disposition	Change in law and requires public input
AB1435 – Nazarian	Investigations	Increases requirements on investigations on I/DD
AB1643 – Garcia	RC Website requirements	Increases RC posting of policies on their website.
SB160 – Jackson		Requires counties to integrate cultural competence into emergency plans, includes people with disabilities.
SB154 – Pan	Medi-Cal restorative dental services	This bill would authorize a provider of services for the treatment of dental caries to provide and be reimbursed for to the extent that federal participation is available.
SB163 – Portantino	Autism Health Coverage	Minor changes to existing law
SB214 – Dodd	CA Community Transitions	Requires DHCS to implement CCT, pursuant to Federal MFP program and requires DHCS to pursue federal matching funds
SB398 – Durazo	Increased abuse reporting	
SB412 - Stone	Repeal RC Fees	Would repeal the Cost participation fees

FY 2019-20 State Budget Update (as of 6/9/19)

The Legislative Conference Committee met and took action on a couple of key items for the system supporting folks with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Rate Increases for providers, effective 1/1/2020

May Revision General Fund funding plus \$25 million GF in 19/20, \$50 million GF in 20/21, and \$25 million GF in 21/22 to fund an across-the-board rate increase for all services that would have received a rate increase above 0 percent in the rate study. This results in an across-the-board ceiling of about 8.2 percent, with 4 service codes receiving an increase of less than 8.2 percent, as indicated by the rate study. There are a handful (12) service codes that would not receive any increase as the rate study noted those should be 0 percent or decrease

The specific codes getting a lower increase under the compromise broad-based rate proposal are:

952-Supported Employment, Individual (7.6% which is higher than the across the board proposal, but lower than the other 8.2% increases)
073-Parent Coordinator Supported Living Program (6.3%)
605-Adaptive Skills Trainer (3.9%)
635-Independent Living Specialist (2.4%)

The specific codes getting no increase under the compromise broad-based rate proposal are:

505-Activity Center
520-Independent Living Program
525-Social Recreation Program
620-Behavior Management Consultant
680-Tutor
805-Infant Development Program
883-Transportation Broker
894-Supported Living Services, Vendor Administration
954-Rehab Work Activity Program
113-ARFPHSN
103/106/115/117-specialized therapeutic services
116-Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services
900-Behavioral Home Facility Component
905-920 CCF SSI Amounts

- Continued the suspension of the implementation of the Uniform Holiday Schedule until 1/1/22
- Did not remove the half/full day billing requirement for certain services
- Did not restore Social Recreation, camp services, non-medical therapies and other educational services