

# Legislative Update

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# 2024 Enacted Legislation

- AB 1842 (Reyes) Medication Assisted Treatment: Opioids
- AB 1936 (Cervantes) Maternal Mental Health: Screenings
- AB 2063 (Maienschein) VEBA: Exemption Extension
- AB 2072 (Weber) MEWA: Biomedical Industry Exemption Extension
- AB 2105 (Lowenthal) Coverage for PANDAS and PANS
- AB 2129 (Petrie-Norris) Postpartum Contraception: Billing

# 2024 Enacted Legislation

- AB 2198 (Flora) Health Information: Application Programming Interfaces/APIs
- AB 2258 (Zbur) Preventative Care: Cost Sharing
- AB 2434 (Grayson) MEWA: ACEC Health Trust Exemption
- AB 2556 (Jackson) Behavioral Health and Wellness Screenings for Children: Notice
- AB 2767 (Santiago) FSSB Membership
- AB 2843 (Petrie-Norris) Rape and Sexual Assault: No Cost Share

# 2024 Enacted Legislation

- AB 3059 (Weber) Donor Human Milk: Coverage
- AB 3221 (Pellerin) DMHC Director: Review of Records
- SB 339 (Wiener) PrEP Pharmacist Prescription Expansion
- SB 1180 (Ashby) Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
- SB 1320 (Wahab) Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Primary Care Services
- SB 1511 (Health Committee) Health Omnibus Bill

# 2024 Enacted Legislation

## AB 3275 (Soria) Claims Reimbursement: Timeframes

- Changes the timeframes for reimbursing, contesting, and denying claims for health care services from 30 and 45 working days to 30 calendar days for all complete claims.
- Increases the penalty on health plans and insurers for not automatically paying interest owed on a claim from \$10 to \$15 or 10% of the accrued interest on the claim.
- Enrollee complaints about a delay or denial of payment of a claim are to be treated as a grievance.
- Effective date: January 1, 2026.

# 2024 Enacted Legislation

## SB 729 (Menjivar) Infertility and Fertility Services

- Requires a large group health plan contract *to provide coverage* for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility and fertility services.
- Requires a small group health plan contract *to offer* such coverage.
- Large group health plans are required *to cover* three completed oocyte (egg) retrievals, and unlimited egg transfers in accordance with ASRM guidelines.

# 2024 Enacted Legislation

## SB 729 (Menjivar) Infertility and Fertility Services

- Revises the definition of infertility.
- Prohibits placing different conditions or coverage limitations on fertility medications or services, or on the diagnosis and treatment of infertility and fertility services as compared to other conditions.
- Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (July 1, 2027 for CalPERS).
- Governor's signing message requested that the Legislature provide an effective date delay to January 1, 2026.

# 2024 Enacted Legislation

## SB 1120 (Becker) Artificial Intelligence: Prior Authorization

- Requires a health plan, including a specialized health plan, that uses artificial intelligence (AI), an algorithm, or other software tools for utilization review or utilization management functions based, in whole or in part, on medical necessity to ensure compliance - that these tools base its determination on specified information and be fairly and equitably applied.
- Prohibits these tools from denying, delaying or modifying health care services based on medical necessity.



# 2024 Enacted Legislation

## SB 1120 (Becker) Artificial Intelligence: Prior Authorization

- Requires adverse medical necessity decisions to be made only by a licensed physician or a licensed health care professional.
- Effective Date: January 1, 2025.

# Questions