

**Eleven Bills Related to Health Insurance
That Have Been Introduced in the Legislature**

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This year, the California legislature introduced 11 bills that would mandate certain types and levels of coverage for state-regulated health insurance plans. Keenan & Associates will continue to follow these bills throughout the legislative session, providing *Briefings* on these as well as any other health insurance related mandate bills introduced this year.

BILL NO.	AUTHOR	MANDATE
AB 98	De La Torre	Requires health insurers to provide maternity services. (Health care service plans are already required to do so.)
AB 163	Emmerson	Mandates coverage for the use of amino acid-based elemental formulas for the diagnosis and treatment of eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders.
AB 214	Chesbrom	Mandates coverage for durable medical equipment.
AB 244	Beall	Significantly expands coverage requirements for mental health treatment to include treatment for any disease in the DSM IV. This is well beyond current Federal or state mental health parity laws.
AB 259	Skinner	Requires a plan to allow an enrollee or policyholder to seek OB/GYN services from a certified nurse-midwife.
AB 513	De Leon	Requires a health care service plan and a health insurer to include coverage for lactation consultation and for the rental of breast pumps.
AB 1144	Solorio	Prohibits a health care service plan or a health insurer from requiring a subscriber, enrollee, or an insured who has been prescribed a product for the treatment of pain to use a different specified product prior to authorizing coverage of the product.

BILL NO.	AUTHOR	MANDATE
AB 1201	Perez	<p>Would require a carrier that provides coverage for childhood and adolescent immunizations to reimburse a physician or physician group in an amount not less than the actual cost of acquiring the vaccine plus the cost of administration of the vaccine. The bill would prohibit a carrier providing coverage for childhood or adolescent immunizations from imposing a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing mechanism for the administration of a childhood or adolescent immunization or for related procedures. The bill would also prohibit those contracts or policies from containing a dollar limit provision for the administration of childhood and adolescent immunizations or including the cost of those immunizations in a dollar limit provision. Finally, the bill would prohibit a plan from requiring a physician or physician group to assume financial risk for immunizations, whether or not those immunizations are part of the current contract.</p>
SB 158	Wiggins	<p>Mandates coverage for HPV vaccine for plans that cover the treatment of cervical cancer.</p>
SB 161	Wright	<p>Requires plans that provide coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment to provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medications on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications covered under the contracts or policies.</p>
SB 630	Steinberg	<p>Provides that the requirements imposed in health care service plans and health insurers to cover reconstructive surgery includes dental or orthodontic services that are medically necessary and related to the reconstructive surgery.</p>