



# State Legislative Update

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# State Budget

- Governor's Budget projects \$19.9 billion shortfall
- Proposes \$2.9 billion in reductions to health and human services
- Includes \$1.1 billion in cuts to Medi-Cal
- Checkwrite delay June 17
- **NO Medi-Cal CUTS !**



# Seismic Mandate Extensions

## **SB 289 (Senator Denise Ducheny, D-San Diego)**

- Extensions for hospitals that didn't get relief
- OSHPD estimates 85 to 278 hospital buildings at risk and could close
- More than one-half of the state's 430 hospitals are operating in the red
- 25% of those remaining hospitals won't be able to financially meet the mandate
- Limited access to capital



# Rural Physician Employment

## **AB 648 (Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro, D-Arcata)**

- California is one of only five states that prohibits hospitals from employing physicians—Why?
- Physician shortage in rural areas = limited access to quality care
- Direct employment = economic security for physicians



# Prison Health Care

- Must ensure reasonable payments to hospitals for care
- Correctional patients are more expensive and difficult to treat
- Early release of prisoners compounds the problem and over-crowding of EDs
- Workforce Drain—New 1,734 bed prison facility in Stockton set to employ 300 RNs and 400 psych technicians



## Other CHA Sponsored Bills

- Law Enforcement Responsibility for Patients  
AB 2387 (Assembly Member Jeff Miller,  
R-Corona)
- Transportation of Patients with Mental Illness  
AB 2506 (Assembly Member Audra  
Strickland, R-Camarillo)



## Other CHA Sponsored Bills

- Medi-Cal Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs)
- Meal Period Rules  
SB 1182 (Senator Ronald Calderon, D-Montebello)



## Other CHA Sponsored Bills

- Centralized Hospital Pharmacy Packaging  
AB 2077 (Assembly Member Jose Solorio,  
D-Santa Ana)
- Acuity-Adaptable Care Delivery Pilot  
Program AB 2194 (Assembly Member Nathan  
Fletcher, R-San Diego)



# Updates of Legislation

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