

BILL LIST and OUTCOMES – 2015

The Senior Services Coalition identified and followed numerous bills in California’s 2015 legislative session. Below is a summary of key bills and what happened to them:

Bill/Author	Description	Outcome
AB 35 (Chiu)	Increases the California Low Income Housing Tax Credit by \$300 million, which would provide much-needed funding for affordable housing development.	Vetoed
SB 36 (Hernandez)	Authorizes the state to continue the Duals Demonstration project and apply to CMS for a waiver to continue the project beyond the current October 2015 expiration date.	Chaptered
ACR 38 (Brown)	Establishes California Task Force on Family Caregiving.	Chaptered
AB 90 (Atkins)	Creates a framework for how California will spend any funds received by the National Housing Trust Fund , expected to begin flowing to states in 2016. The bill designates the CA Dept. of Housing & Community Development as the agency responsible for administering Housing Trust funds.	Chaptered
SB 196 (Hancock)	Authorizes county APS agencies to file a petition for a protective order on behalf of an elder or dependent adult if that person has been identified as lacking capacity and a conservatorship is sought.	Chaptered
SB 199 (Hall)	Includes within the definition of supportive services a specified number of hours of assistance in reading and completing financial and other documents for recipients of IHSS who are blind.	Vetoed
SB 492 (Liu)	Establishes a bill of rights to ensure that dual-eligibles for Medi-Cal and Medi-Care are protected and informed on what services they are entitled to receive under the coordinated Care Initiative.	Vetoed
SB 613 (Allen)	Establishes working group to develop guidelines for dementia and Alzheimer’s patient care management.	Chaptered
SB 675 (Liu)	Requires hospitals and other facilities to provide caregiver and transitional support upon discharge.	Chaptered
AB 744 (Chau)	Reduces parking requirements for affordable developments that include seniors, transit-oriented development, or special-needs populations.	Chaptered
AB 1261 (Burke)	Requires CBAS programs to be available in counties with Medi-Cal managed care. CBAS would be provided as Medi-Cal fee-for-service for individuals exempt from enrolling in Medi-Cal managed care. Gives the Legislature a role in future decisions about CBAS by ensuring that the program is authorized in Welfare & Institutions Code. Reinstates “rate floor” provision that previously existed in 1115 waiver but was dropped from recently approved version.	Vetoed
AB 1436 (Burke)	Allows IHSS applicants and recipients to designate an authorized representative to accompany, assist or represent them in the application process, in the direction of services or in the eligibility	Chaptered

	redetermination process.	
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Key: Chaptered = signed into law by the Governor Vetoed = Vetoed by the Governor
Appro. = bill made it to Appropriations Committee but was not passed