

Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

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SSC's 2018 California Bill List and Outcomes

BILL #/Author	DESCRIPTION	Position/ Outcome
AB 2430 (Arambula)	AB 2430 would raise the income level of the Aged and Disabled Medi-Cal program (A&D program) to 138% FPL, creating a “bright line” of income eligibility. This change would create parity between senior and disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and other adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Under current law, most adult recipients under 65 can enroll in free Medi-Cal with income as high as 138% FPL, but seniors age 65 and over may only enroll in free Medi-Cal if their income is below 123% FPL. Once over the limit for free Medi-Cal, seniors may be eligible for Medi-Cal Share-of-Cost, but are required to pay a high monthly deductible that typically equals more than half their monthly income.	SUPPORT Bill stalled in Assembly; budget request stalled in conference committee.
AB 3200 (Kalra, Reyes and Thurmond)	AB 3200 would address poverty among SSI/SSP recipients (low-income seniors and people living with disabilities) by reinstating the Cost of Living Adjustments that were removed from during the recession and by increasing grant levels so that they are no longer below the Federal Poverty Level. SSI/SSP is funded jointly by the federal and state governments to provide income support to seniors and people with disabilities who have little or no income. During the years of the recession, SSI/SSP grants were cut drastically by the state of California. These cuts were never fully restored, though our state’s economy has recovered. Current SSI/SSP grants for single Californians are \$910.72 per month, only 90% of the Federal Poverty Level, and significantly less than the actual income level needed for self-sufficiency.	SUPPORT Made it to Senate Committee. COLA restored starting July 2022 via 18/19 Budget.
AB 1909 (Nazarian)	AB 1909 would require California Department of Social Services to provide translations of written and electronic materials sent to IHSS providers. Translations must be in “all languages spoken by a substantial number” of IHSS providers. Click here for bill text and status.	SUPPORT Vetoed.
AB 2233 (Kalra)	AB 2233 would expand the state’s Medi-Cal Assisted Living Waiver program by increasing the number of slots from the current 5,700 to 18,500 over the next five years. The bill would expand the Waiver beyond the current 15 counties to make it available on a regional basis (Alameda County is currently a Waiver County). The initial phase in of slots would be prioritized to the current 15 waiver counties. The Assembly Appropriations Committee found the bill to be cost neutral aside from DHCS’s cost of negotiating the new waiver with the federal government and ongoing administrative costs. Click here for the bill text and status.	SUPPORT Vetoed (click here for Governor’s veto message)
SB 1004 (Weiner)	SB 1004 amends the Prop 63 Mental Health Services Act. It would modify the priorities that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission uses to grant Prevention & Early Intervention funds. Currently, while PEI is 20% of MHSA allocations and at least 51% of PEI funding must target people age 25 and younger, the language is broad to allow counties to identify and address the needs of other high-risk groups. PEI funding and services for older adults is already extremely	NEUTRAL (previously opposed unless amended)

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	<p>limited (only about 40% of counties have Older Adult System of Care units). Thanks to coordinated advocacy, SB 1004 was amended to include older adults as a priority area, and there is optimism that the new law will enable counties to protect or create new PEI programs to address the current rates of adult and older adult suicides and unmet mental health needs. Click here for bill text and status.</p>	<p>Signed and Chaptered</p>
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