



**HHS Legislative and  
Budget Update**  
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# Budget

## Homelessness

As proposed in Governor's January Budget

- **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program:**
  - Maintains \$1.1 billion commitment for Round 5
  - Delays \$260 million in supplemental HHAP by a year
  - Does not include ongoing funding or funding for a Round 6
- **Program Delays**
  - Bringing Families Home (\$80 million)
  - Home Safe (\$65 million)
  - Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (\$50 million)
- **Program Eliminations:**
  - Housing Navigators
  - Housing Supplemental for Foster Youth in Supervised Independent Living

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## Health and Behavioral Health

- **Proposition 1: More to come!**
  - Please join us for the Proposition 1 Workshop at 1:00 today
- **Behavioral Health Infrastructure Delays included in Early Action Budget Agreement**
  - Behavioral Health Bridge Funding (BHBH): \$235 million delayed to 2025-26.
  - Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP): \$140.4 million delayed to 2025-26.
- **Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax**
  - Early budget bill approved in March to expand existing MCO tax for additional \$1.5 billion.

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## Human Services

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- **CalWORKs**

- Elimination of Family Stabilization program (\$71 million ongoing)
- Elimination of Employment Services Intensive Case Management Program (\$47 million ongoing)
- Elimination of Expanded Subsidized Employment program (\$134.1 million ongoing)
- Ongoing cuts to Single Allocation (total of \$218 million ongoing)

- **Child Welfare and Foster Care**

- Elimination of the Family Urgent Response System (FURS) (\$30 million ongoing)
- \$12 million for automation changes related to foster care rate reform, to be fully implemented as early as 2026-27.

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# Homelessness Legislation

## **AB 1948 (Rendon): Homeless Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams – SUPPORT**

Removes the sunset date on existing law that gives counties the authority to exchange personal information of individuals at risk of experiencing homelessness for the purposes of services delivery and prevention and expands the authority to the County of San Mateo.

## **AB 2835 (Gabriel): Motels and hotels: publicly funded shelter programs.**

Removes the sunset date on existing law that provides a shelter participant that occupies a motel or hotel for longer than 30 days shall not be considered a tenant if the program is a government funded program.

## **AB 1361 (Blakespear): CEQA: contract for providing services for people experiencing homelessness – SUPPORT**

Creates a CEQA exemption for actions taken by a local agency to approve a contract for providing services for people experiencing homelessness.

## **SB 1395 (Becker): Shelter Crisis: Low Barrier Navigation Center: use by right – SUPPORT**

Expands existing CEQA exemption for specific types of shelters under the Shelter Crisis Act to include actions related to contracting for services, and eliminates the sunset for by-right approval of low barrier navigation centers.

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# Behavioral Health Legislation

## **AB 2119 (Weber): Mental health – SUPPORT**

Strikes outdated mental health terminology in existing law and replaces it with person-first terminology to reduce stigma.

## **AB 2995 (Jackson): Public health: alcohol and drug programs: definitions – SUPPORT**

Strikes outdated substance use disorder terminology and replaces it with person-first terminology to reduce stigma.

## **SB 1017 (Eggman): Available facilities for inpatient and residential mental health or SUD treatment.**

Requires DHCS to develop a method to collect and display information about beds in licensed facilities to identify the availability of inpatient and residential mental health or SUD treatment.

## **SB 1238 (Eggman): LPS Act: designated facilities.**

Authorizes counties to designate additional facilities under the expanded definition of “gravely disabled” under the LPS Act as enacted under SB 43.

## **SB 1397 (Eggman): Behavioral health services coverage – SUPPORT**

Establishes a mechanism for county behavioral health agencies to recoup reimbursement from commercial plans for privately insured clients referred to services through Full Service Partnerships.

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# Childcare and Early Childhood Legislation

## **AB 2774 (Grayson): Childcare for Working Families Act – SUPPORT**

Establishes the Childcare for Working Families Task Force for the purposes of developing strategies to reduce challenges faced by working families in accessing flexible, affordable, quality childcare options.

## **AB 2967 (Ting): Teacher Housing Act of 2016: definition – SUPPORT**

Expands the definition of educators under the Act to include employees of nonprofit organizations operating early childhood, pre-kindergarten, or school-aged childcare programs on school district property.

## **AB 2982 (Reyes): Prenatal-to-3 Working Group**

Requires CalHHS to establish a workgroup to create recommendations for a statewide prenatal-to-3 system agenda.

## **SB 1396 (Alvarado-Gil): CalWORKs: Home Visiting Program – SUPPORT**

Extends the enrollment timeframe for CalWORKs HVP from a child under 24 months to a child under 36 months and extends the amount of time that families can participate in the program.

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# In-Home Supportive Services Legislation

## **AB 2704 (Zbur): IHSS: Criminal Background Checks.**

Prohibits an IHSS provider or applicant to be a provider from being assessed a fee for a criminal background check, and prohibits DOJ from assessing a fee to a county to cover the cost of furnishing a criminal background check.

## **AB 2819 (Bains): IHSS: Collective Bargaining Penalty.**

Spot bill related to the IHSS collective bargaining Realignment withholding.

## **SB 1245 (Ochoa Bogh) IHSS: licensed health care professional certification – SUPPORT**

Streamlines the process for IHSS clients to receive paramedical services by expanding the types of health care providers authorized to sign paramedical forms.





# Questions and Comments

