



CAHU 2019 Legislative and Election Update Webinar

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Brief Federal Overview

- Republicans gain seats in the Senate, increasing their majority
- Democrats gain seats in the House, reclaiming the majority



A divided house limits the likelihood of significant healthcare reforms at the Federal level

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Texas

On Friday, December 14, a Texas District Court issued a decision regarding the constitutionality of the individual mandate and validity of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Is the law still in effect after the recent Texas District Court ruling?

The ACA is still the law of the land. This case will wind its way through the courts, possibly to the U.S. Supreme Court. The ACA has been upheld by the Supreme Court before. Pending the appeal process, the law remains in place.



California has mirror laws/ would need state changes

California Overview

- The 2018 midterms unleashed a blue tsunami, washing in a new governor , Democratic supermajority in the Legislature, and every statewide office holder.
 - Senate 29:11 (2 special elections)
 - Assembly 60:20
- GOP registration dipping below voters who preferred no party whatsoever.
- The Golden State continued to pose as the Resistance State with zeal for going to court/twitter with the Trump administration.
- Leadership and Committee Membership is largely unchanged for Democrats but change for Republicans



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IN FIRST ACT AS GOVERNOR, GAVIN NEWSOM TAKES ON COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS & FIGHTS FOR HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Governor Newsom signs first-in-the-nation executive order to create the largest single purchaser for prescription drugs and allow private employers to join the state in negotiating drug prices

Governor Newsom's first budget proposes that California move closer to health care for all by becoming the only state in the country to provide coverage to young undocumented adults through Medi-Cal

Under Governor Newsom's proposal, California would be the first state to expand the Affordable Care Act's financial assistance to middle-income families, helping them afford health care premiums

In letter to Congress and White House, Governor Newsom calls for federal legislative changes to allow states to innovate within their health care system -- including creating paths to single-payer

Governor Newsom also signs an executive order to create a California Surgeon

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SINGLE PAYER:

- **A system in which all residents pay the state to cover all healthcare costs. This would end all individual's option to buy or not buy health coverage from private insurers based on their specific needs and ability to pay. The Healthy California Act (SB 562) is true single-payer plan, which would eliminate all private and public insurance programs, including Medicare, MediCal, Veteran's health care, among others.**
- **All Californian's lose their current health plan**

MEDICARE FOR ALL:

- **A type of universal health care plan where basic coverage is provided through an expansion of the federal Medicare program.**
- **This type of plan would still allow for the purchase of private insurance, as it does currently, and is administered by an insurance company, not by the state.**
- **This is not what the Healthy California Act proposes.**

Letter to Congress and White House

However, to address this ongoing cost crisis in health care in the most effective way, we must have the federal tools to support California's ability to provide quality healthcare for everyone, financed through a single-payer model like Medicare. We must have the tools to innovate and expand on the Affordable Care Act, even as we build towards a more comprehensive, universal system that works for patients, providers, and taxpayers alike.

In the absence of a bolder transformation, the Affordable Care Act is a strong foundation to build on: the goal of universal coverage; the promise of simplicity and protecting those who are sick or need care; clear limits on health plan profits and assuring premium dollars are spent on needed care; using competition to lower costs not only for those in California's marketplace, but for all the 2.4 million in the individual market. We can and must build on these elements as we go forward.



AB 2472 (2018)

- Created in a Health Omnibus bill (AB 1810) the Council on Health Care Delivery Systems, is an independent body charged with developing a *plan* on or before **October 1, 2021** that includes options for advancing progress toward achieving a health care delivery system in California that provides coverage and access through a unified financing system for all Californians. The Council is required to report to the Legislature and the Governor and must include a timeline of the benchmarks and steps necessary to implement health care delivery system changes, including steps necessary to achieve a unified financing system.
- This bill would also require the council to prepare an analysis and evaluation, known as a feasibility analysis, to determine the feasibility of a **public health insurance plan option** to increase competition and choice for health care consumers.



Individual Mandate & Expanding Subsidies

- Create subsidies for middle-class Californians
 - relies on lawmakers approving a financial penalty on the uninsured, which was an unpopular provision in the ACA. Newsom estimated the penalty would raise roughly \$500 million a year.
- The estimated subsidies would be modest. For an individual who earns between 250 and 400 percent of the federal poverty level (\$30,350 - \$48,560) the subsidies would average about \$10 a month
- For individuals who make between 400 and 600 percent of the federal poverty level (\$48,560 - \$72,840) and therefore don't qualify for federal tax credits, the state subsidy would come to about \$70 a month on average, depending on location and premium costs



Dates, Deadlines & Details

Newsom's 2019-20 budget plan is just the starting point. He must negotiate with the legislature on a final budget by **June 15** — so some of these proposals are certain to change or be eliminated.

State law requires a balanced budget

Feb. 22 is the last day for bills to be introduced*



Legislature adjourns Sep 13th

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SENATE BILL 562
Learn about the California Single Payer Bill and what you can do to help.

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SB 562 would establish a state-run single-payer health care system. All Californians will lose their current health plans, to be replaced by government run health care, with benefits yet to be determined, to be serviced by a government-run entity populated with political appointees yet to be identified, to include provisions yet to be named – all paid for by a doubling of



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