

CLEAR ADVOCACY



2022 CSIAA Annual Meeting

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PURPOSE

Provide a
snapshot into the
2022 legislative
year and election
cycle

COVID HAZE



For the past 2 ½ years, the professional lobby corp. has operated under severe social distancing protocols with very little opportunity for professional or social interactions



We all became very proficient at ZOOM, WebEX and others



Text messaging became a very valuable instrument for communicating directly with legislators and staff

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- ▶ After 50 years, the State Capitol annex (Governor and legislative office) is being demolished to make way for new space – likely a 5-year project

OUT WITH THE OLD



- ▶ In the meantime, the Governor and legislative offices have been moved a block away in what is referred to as the Swing Space.
- ▶ Adapting as social distancing disappears

IN WITH THE NEW

2022 IS AN ELECTION YEAR

- ▶ This is the big election year
- ▶ The Governor, US Senator, and all statewide office holders are standing for election
- ▶ In addition, 100 of the 120 legislators are up as well after all district boundaries have been changed and re-numbered because re-apportionment

EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ The Governor overcame the recall election a year ago and there is every expectation he coasts to victory in November
- ▶ There are no well-funded opponents to be faced
- ▶ What's next? Presidential Candidate Gavin Newsom?

THE GREAT RESIGNATION

- ▶ Propelled by approaching term limits, new district lines and a raft of political opportunities outside the state Capitol, has promoted a flurry of early exits.
- ▶ At last count, an exodus of 26 Assembly members and state senators have either opted not to seek re-election in November or have already called it quits mid-term. That doesn't include the seven members, all senators, who are barred from seeking re-election in 2022 by legislative term limits.
- ▶ 5 legislators resigned this year before their terms had expired

2023

Despite new lines and new faces, we expect both houses of the legislature to remain overwhelmingly democratic.

There could be a couple of surprises because of a tired and grumpy electorate, but CA surely will not witness the expected National Red Wave.

STATE BUDGET

A 2022-23 state budget was just passed

The State had a budget surplus of \$97 billion dollars to dole out to a host of expanded services

STATE BUDGET CONT'D

Key health care spends:

1- Approves of the expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to all income-eligible Californians, regardless of immigration status, no later than January 1, 2024, for all adults over age 26.

2 - Approves of resources for the establishment and staffing of the Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA), within the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)

3 - Approves proposals to protect access to reproductive health care

4 - Invests \$100 million in the development of low-cost ("Biosimilar") insulin

KEY BILLS

- ▶ AB 35 ---- The bill makes two significant changes to the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA) by
 - ▶ 1) restructuring MICRA's limit on attorney fees; and
 - ▶ 2) raising MICRA's cap on noneconomic damages. (passage of bill prevented a ballot measure this November) Signed.

- ▶ SB 250 --- Prohibits a health care service plan (health plan) or health insurer, on or after January 1, 2024, from requiring a contracted health professional to complete or obtain a prior authorization for any health care services if the health plan or insurer approved or would have approved not less than 90% of the prior authorization requests, they submitted in the most recent one-year contracted period. Assembly Appropriations Committee.

KEY BILLS (CONTINUED)

- ▶ AB 2060 --- Changes the membership composition of the Medical Board of California (MBC) so that a majority of the board consists of public members who are not practicing physicians. Dead.
- ▶ AB 2080 ---- Would permit the Attorney General and any other state entity charged with reviewing health care market competition to review contracts containing specific provisions; and requires a medical group, hospital or hospital system, health facility, as specified, health plan, health insurer, or pharmacy benefit manager to provide written notice to, and obtain written consent from, the AG before entering into an agreement or transaction involving a material amount of assets. Dead.



QUESTIONS

Any questions?

