

## Academic Rigor on a Legislature's Timeline



### Letter From The Director

Welcome to CHBRP's Spring Newsletter.

What a difference a year makes! The flowers (and seasonal allergies!) are in full bloom in the Bay Area and the hills are remarkably green. We have been seeing more of the landscape as we have been traveling back and forth to Sacramento much more frequently again. CHBRP Staff have enjoyed meetings and Bill Hearings that are conducted in-person, again. In recent weeks we have also had the opportunity to meet new (and veteran) legislators, legislative staff, and numerous representatives of various agencies and organizations. We've had an extra bounce in our step as we have admired the dedication and enthusiasm shown by newly arrived folks in the Capitol.



CHBRP's "peak season" over the past few months was a bit more condensed and intensive than usual, as many bill analysis requests arrived nearly simultaneously, just after the bill introduction deadline. The bill analysis requests that CHBRP has worked on thus far in this new legislative cycle reflect some of complex and difficult friction points in our health care system. The complexity of many of these topics are incredibly difficult, and we saw this both in completing our work and in hearing the testimony from advocates and opponents. As we have seen in past years, policymakers must consider how best to address the continued challenges of balancing the comprehensiveness of benefits with affordability of health care services and insurance premiums. These topics are ones that I believe will continue to be debated in the years to come.

I want to thank all of our readers and our primary *clients*, the elected members and staff of the California Legislature, as well as all of the hard work undertaken by the entire CHBRP Team. The remarkable commitment of each CHBRP contributor (many of whom juggle other projects, research, and teaching responsibilities along with CHBRP), is what allows this enterprise to work. I remain humbled by the talents and dedication demonstrated by so many under extremely tight timelines and high pressure.

In the weeks ahead, we will continue to answer questions on our analyses, and track ongoing amendments. We'll take a breath in the early Summer, and continue making updates to CHBRP's reports and other resources to broader audience, in some new mediums.

Until next time, we wish all of our readers well.

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## Updates from CHBRP



### New logo, new website!

Have you seen CHBRP's new website? This modernized and improved website will help CHBRP's users find and access all of our work. With a more robust platform with greater capabilities, it will also allow for better navigation, recognition of our work, and future enhancements and offerings.

**Tip:** When looking for a specific bill on our "Completed Analyses" page, use the filter feature to easily locate your desired analysis.

Let us know your thoughts by emailing [info@chbrp.org](mailto:info@chbrp.org). We'll be transitioning other materials on our website to the new format over the coming year.

[Take a look!](#)

## CHBRP's 2023 Analyses

CHBRP has completed 18 analyses in 2023. Many of the bills were heard in Assembly or Senate Health Committee hearings in April, and CHBRP was on hand to answer questions from the Legislators.

# Status of Bills Analyzed by CHBRP

As of May 4, 2023

	Passed First Health Committee	Passed First Appropriations Committee	Passed First Chamber
AB 85 Social Determinants of Health*			
AB 620 Metabolic Disorders			
AB 716 Emergency Ground Medical Transport*			
AB 874 Out-of-pocket Expenses			
AB 907 Coverage for PANDAS and PANS			
AB 1048 Dental Benefits and Rate Review*			
AB 1060 Naloxone Hydrochloride			
AB 1157 Durable Medical Equipment and Services			
AB 1288 Medication-Assisted Treatment			
AB 1451 Behavioral Health Crisis Treatment			
AB 1645 Cost Sharing*			
SB 70 Prescription Drug Coverage*			
SB 90 Insulin Affordability*			
SB 339 HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis and Postexposure Prophylaxis			
SB 427 Antiretroviral Drugs, Devices, and Products			
SB 621 Biosimilar Drugs*			
SB 694 Medi-Cal: Self-Monitored Blood Pressure Devices and Services			
SB 729 Treatment for Infertility and Fertility Services*			

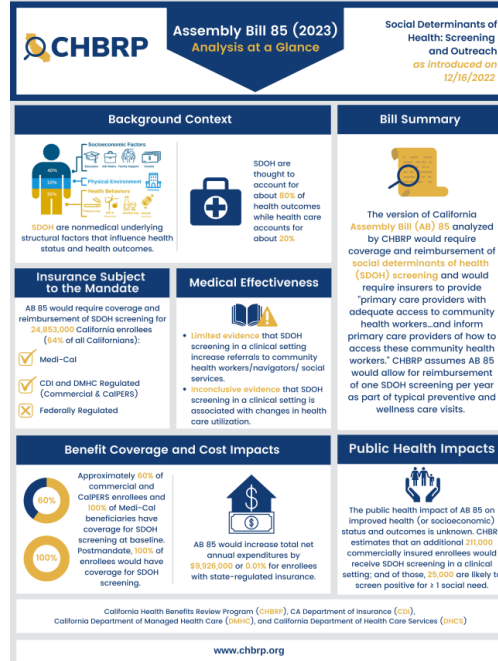
\*Amended since CHBRP published its analysis

As these bills move through Committees, CHBRP updates the "**Status of Bills**" page to indicate the portions of CHBRP analyses that remain relevant after amendments are made to analyzed bills. This is available on CHBRP's website under Completed Analyses.

[Completed Analyses](#)

## Infographics Available for Select Analyses

Short on time but want the main takeaways of a CHBRP analysis? CHBRP's infographics are here to help. These 1-2 page summaries give a high-level summary of the key facts and figures for completed analyses. Look for the "Infographic" option under the bill of interest on the Completed Analyses webpage.



## Contributing to National Policy Discussions



CHBRP Principal Analyst Adara Citron presented a summary of CHBRP's 2022 analysis of **Senate Bill 912 Biomarker Testing** to the National Conference of Insurance State Legislators (NCOIL) at their Spring meeting. NCOIL is considering model legislation similar to SB 912 and convened a panel to discuss bill language and recent science related to biomarker testing.

## Updated CHBRP Resources

Click [here](#) for updates on the following resources:

- The Federal Preventive Services Benefit Mandate and Related California Mandates
- Sources of Health Insurance in California
- Pharmacy Benefit Coverage in State-Regulated Health Insurance
- Deductibles in State-Regulated Health Insurance



## Free Upcoming Webinars

CHBRP's colleagues from other organizations host various webinars, here are a few that may interest our readers:

- **UCSF's Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies presents: "2023 Chancellor's Health Policy Lecture: The Legal and Political Fight to Restore Abortion Access"** on May 10, 2023 at 12:00 PM. For more information and to register [click here](#).

- **UC Center Sacramento presents:** "Capturing and Exploiting Data for the Public Good" with Professor Christine Borgman (UCLA) and Ms. Joy Bonaguro (Chief Data Officer for the State of California) on May 17, 2023, at 12:00 PM. For more information and to register [click here](#).
- **UC Davis Health's Center for Healthcare Policy and Research presents:** "Conceptualizing time as a SDoH in cancer (outcomes) research: 2 case studies at the intersection of rurality x access to care" with Dr. Arrianna Marie Planey (UNC) on May 17, 2023, at 12:00 PM. For more information and to register [click here](#).

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