
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
2023 - 2024 Regular Session

AB 85 (Weber) - Social determinants of health: screening and outreach

Version: July 3, 2023

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: September 1, 2023

Policy Vote: HEALTH 10 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 85 would require health plans and insurers, including the Medi-Cal program, to provide coverage for screenings for social determinants of health (SDOH), as specified.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on September 1, 2023

Fiscal Impact:

- One-time General Fund costs, likely millions, for the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) for activities related to the working group.
- Unknown General Fund costs, likely hundreds of thousands, due to an increase in CalPERS health plan premiums.
- Minor and absorbable costs for the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) for state operations (Managed Care Fund). Costs to the Managed Care Fund could be offset to the extent outside funding sources are appropriated.
- Unknown one-time costs, likely hundreds of thousands, for the California Department of Insurance (CDI) for state operations (Insurance Fund). Costs to the Insurance Fund could be offset to the extent outside funding sources are appropriated.

Author Amendments: Author amendments delay implementation dates, further specify duties of the working group, and provide that implementation of the health plan/insurer requirements may also become operative upon funding from an outside source to cover DMHC/CDI administrative costs.

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