
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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AB 2756 (Ahrens) - Medi-Cal: vision services: performance measures

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Bill Summary: AB 2756 would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a list of performance measures to evaluate the utilization, access, and availability of Medi-Cal vision services.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing costs, potentially hundreds of thousands, for DHCS for state administration (General Fund and federal funds).

Background: The Medi-Cal program provides health care services to qualified low-income individuals. Current law establishes a schedule of benefits under the Medi-Cal program, which includes benefits required under federal law and benefits that are federally allowable and provided at the state's option. Optometry and eyeglasses for children are a mandatory benefit, while optometry and eyeglasses for adults are an optional benefit.

Medi-Cal vision benefits include:

- Routine eye exam and eyeglasses are covered once every 24 months. More frequent eye exams are covered if medically necessary for members, such as eye pain or blurred vision.
- Replacement eyeglasses are covered within 24 months if the prescription changes or the eyeglasses are lost, stolen or broken and cannot be fixed.
- Contact lens testing may be covered if the use of eyeglasses is not possible due to eye disease or condition (i.e., missing an ear).
- Low vision testing for those with vision impairment that is not correctable by standard glasses, contact lenses, medicine or surgery that interferes with a person's ability to perform everyday activities (i.e., age-related macular degeneration).
- Artificial eye services and materials for those individuals that have lost an eye or eyes to disease or injury.

Proposed Law: Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Require DHCS, by no later than January 1, 2028, to establish a list of performance measures, as specified, to ensure that the vision services under the Medi-Cal program meet quality and access criteria required by the department; and require

that the performance measures be designed to evaluate utilization, access, and availability of Medi-Cal vision services.

- Provide that DHCS must report on each specified performance measure only to the extent that the department has existing data sources from which to calculate the applicable measure; and provide that the provisions do not require the department to develop a new data-collection mechanism or to collect additional data to report on a performance measure if the department does not have an existing data source from which to calculate the applicable measure.
- Require DHCS, by January 1, 2029, to post the list of performance measures established by the department and the corresponding performance data for calendar year 2026 on the department's internet website; and require Medi-Cal vision performance data to be posted on the department's internet website annually thereafter for each subsequent performance period.
- Require DHCS, following the initial three reporting years beginning in calendar year 2026, to evaluate performance data and trends and establish an initial set of benchmarks for each performance measure by no later than July 1, 2029, for use beginning in calendar year 2030; and require DHCS, every subsequent year, to utilize performance measure data to inform the establishment of annual benchmarks for each performance measure to track and facilitate improvement in utilization, access, and availability of vision services in the Medi-Cal program.
- Require DHCS to annually prepare a summary report of the nature and types of complaints and grievances regarding access to, and quality of, vision services, including the outcome; require the reports to be posted on the department's internet website; require DHCS to include in the report data on complaints and grievances from existing sources accessible by the department; and provide that the provisions do not require the department to develop a new data-collection mechanism or to collect additional data to prepare this report.

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