
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 543 (Mark González) - Medi-Cal: street medicine

Version: June 23, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: HEALTH 10 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 543 would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to implement a presumptive eligibility Medi-Cal program for persons experiencing homelessness and would establish requirements regarding the delivery of “street medicine” services in the Medi-Cal program.

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

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown potential costs (General Fund and federal funds) related to the delivery of street medicine services and data sharing, including state administration for DHCS, county administration, increased utilization of Medi-Cal services, and automation system changes.
- Cost to counties would be potentially reimbursable by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates.

Author Amendments: Add a co-author, delete presumptive eligibility provisions, and specify the operative dates related to provisions requiring the sharing of data on the status of Medi-Cal applicants or beneficiaries experiencing homelessness.

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