
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 849 (Soria) - Health providers: medical chaperones

Version: July 17, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: HEALTH 8 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 849 would require a health care provider that offers a sensitive examination, as defined, to provide notice to patients that a medical chaperone will be made available upon a patient's request, as specified.

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

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

Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing costs for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), likely hundreds of thousands, to review medical chaperone policies and investigate complaints (Licensing and Certification Program Fund).

Author Amendments: Revise the definition of “provider;” specify that in the event a medical chaperone is unavailable at the time of the sensitive examination, the provider must coordinate with the patient to find an acceptable alternative, as specified; and make technical changes.

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