

CHA 2018 Legislative Wrap Up

End-of-session results on important bills for California hospitals



	Outcomes	
	Legislative Session	Governor's Action
Hospital Rate Regulation — Failed Passage Stopped AB 3087, which would have established a commission to set commercial reimbursement rates for providers.		
Hospital Contracting — Failed Passage Halted SB 538, which would have put hospitals at a significant competitive disadvantage when negotiating contracts with health plans.		
AG Permission to Reduce Services — Failed Passage Blocked AB 2874, which would have required hospitals to obtain the attorney general's permission to close a facility or reduce services.		
Medical Lab Technician Scope of Practice — Signed by Governor Supported AB 2281 to allow medical laboratory technicians to perform additional tests in California.		
2020 Seismic Mandate Extension — Signed by Governor Sponsored AB 2190 to allow specified hospitals to obtain a limited extension of the hospital 2020 seismic mandate. Requested signature.		
Privacy Act Exemption — Signed by Governor Successfully amended SB 1121 to exempt clinical research trial and other medical information held by investor-owned hospitals from the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (non-profit organizations were previously exempt). Requested signature.		
CDPH Centralized Applications Unit — Signed by Governor Sponsored AB 2798 to require the California Department of Public Health to process all hospital applications within 100 days. Requested signature.		
Discharge of Homeless Patients — Signed by Governor Effectively amended SB 1152 to fix many of the bill's procedural problems related to discharging homeless patients.		
Nurse Staffing Ratio Penalties — Vetoed by Governor Fought SB 1288, which would have required the California Department of Public Health to assess a penalty for nurse staffing ratio violations without regard to patient harm, setting the first penalty at \$15,000 and subsequent penalties at \$30,000. Requested veto.		
Alternate Destinations — Vetoed by Governor Opposed AB 3115 — a "gut and amend" on Aug. 28 — which would have excluded all but one sobering center in California from accepting individuals through alternate destination programs. Requested veto.		
Reimbursement Rate Setting — Vetoed by Governor Worked to stop SB 1156, which would have created an arbitrary rate setting system for providers and undermined programs that pay for health insurance for certain patients. Requested veto.		