

Sacramento Update

2019 CDC ANNUAL MEETING

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What we will cover:

Sacramento Environment

Budget Update & Outlook

Key Legislation for 2019

Dialysis is Life Support Education Campaign

CDC Legislative Day May 14th

Sacramento Environment

November 2018 Election

Dems have super majority (2/3rds) in both houses

Senate

Democrats – 28

Republicans – 10

Vacancies – 2

Assembly

Democrats – 61

Republicans - 19

Senate

2 vacancies

Lara – “safe” Democratic seat

Gains – “safe” Republican seat

March 26 – Primary election

June 4 – General election

(29-11)

Assembly

Assembly Member Brian Maienshein

- San Diego
- Switched from Rep to Dem

(61-19)

Proposition 8

No vote 59.93%

Yes vote 40.07%

Most money in history spent to defeat this proposition: More than \$110 million!

SEIU-UHW

Part of “corporate campaign” and union organizing effort against dialysis industry

Continue to target the dialysis industry in 2019

2019-2020 Legislative Session

First year of the two year session

Feb 22 was bill introduction deadline

May 31 is floor deadline for first house

Sept 13 deadline for bills to Governor

October 13 deadline for Governor sign or veto bills
(Gov does not have “pocket veto” option)

2019-2020 State Budget

Governor Gavin Newsom's budget proposal

8 years ago +\$20 billion deficit

Now have a +\$20 billion surplus

More money to rainy day fund

Pay down unfunded retirement liability

May 15 – May Revision due

June 15 – budget due to Governor

Governor's Health Care Proposals

Expand healthcare for undocumented up to age 25

Negotiate drug prices in Medi-Cal

Individual Mandate for health insurance

State License Fees

- Budget Proposal
 - Basic licensure fee
 - LA County supplemental fee

Key Legislation for 2019

AB 1448 (Gray) – Calls for annual inspections for dialysis clinics which receive a one or two-star rating from CMS until these clinics raise their rating to 3-star or above. Current federal law requires inspection every 3.5 years. Bill also allows Department of Public Health to raise licensure fees to pay for the more frequent inspections.

AB 1223 (Arambula) – Adds additional 30 days of unpaid leave to current authorization for 30 days of paid leave for organ donors. Some donors need additional time and this measure will provide job protection during that additional 30 day period.

AB 290 (Wood) – Mandates provider reimbursement rate at the lesser of the contracted rate or the Medicare rate where the patient is receiving charitable premium assistance (CPA) from a charity which receives a majority of its support from providers and where the provider has contributed to the charity. Includes other related provisions.

Legislative Status Report



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California Dialysis Council Legislative Status Report 2/26/2019

[AB 4](#)

[Arambula D](#)

Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Text Version:

Introduced: 12/3/2018

Position: Watch

[html](#) [pdf](#)

Status:

12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. Federal law prohibits payment to a state for medical assistance furnished to an alien who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law. This bill would additionally extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of all ages, if otherwise eligible for those benefits, but for their immigration status. The bill would delete provisions delaying eligibility and enrollment until the director makes the determination described above. The bill would require the department to provide, indefinitely, the above-described monthly updates to the legislative committees. Because counties are required to make Medi-Cal eligibility determinations and this bill would expand Medi-Cal eligibility, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

An act to amend Section 14007.8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.



DIALYSIS
is life support

Objectives:

- Stage 1: Education
- Stage 2: Advocacy

Stage 1: Education

Goals:

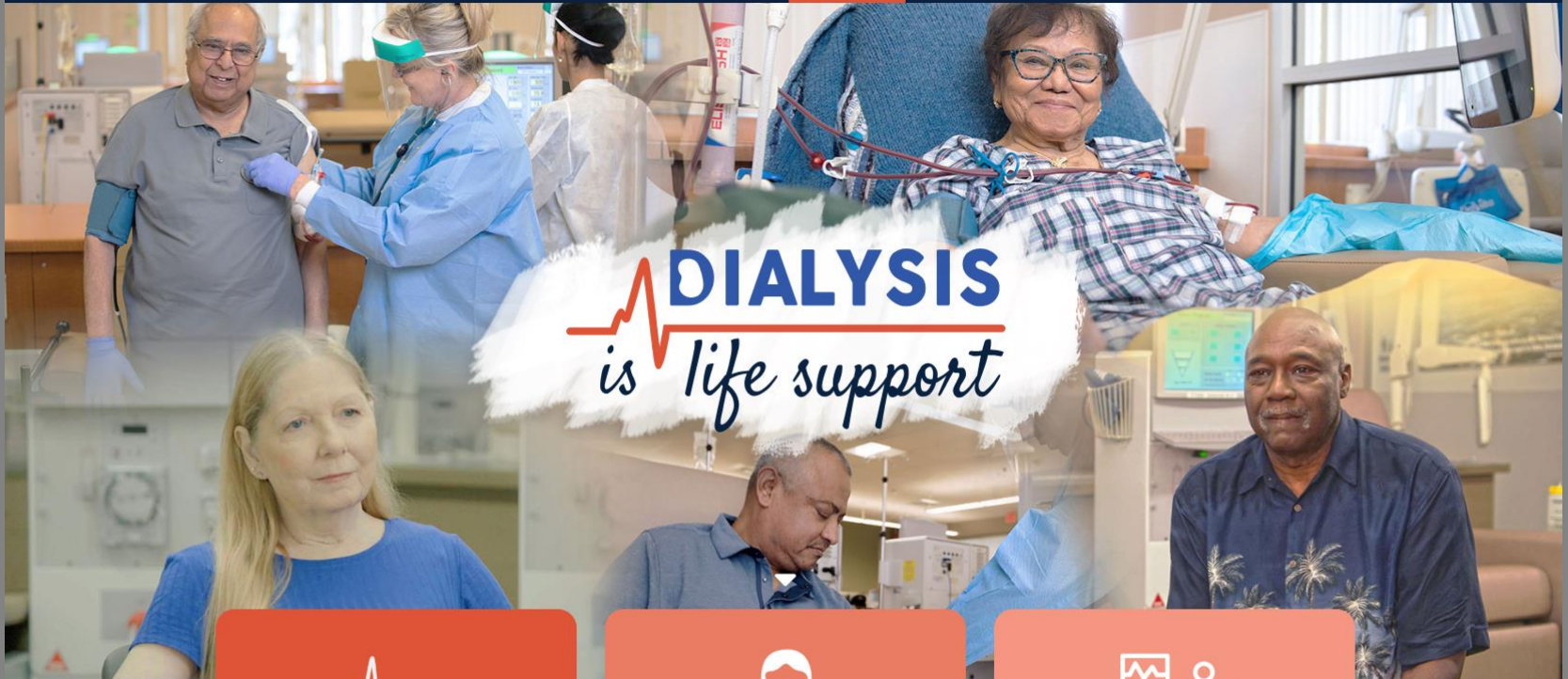
- Utilize the patient voice
- Position dialysis as “untouchable” life-saving treatment
- Reinforce high-quality care, patient satisfaction
- Educate about life-threatening consequences of policies that reduce access
- :15, :30, and :90 second ads

Audiences:

- Governor & Administration
- Legislators & Staff
- Political Influencers & Third-Parties
- Political Media

Strategies:

- Display & video ads
- Geotargeted ads (State Capitol)
- Political Insider Publications
- Facebook and Twitter



Dialysis Is Life Support

More than 68,000 Californians with kidney failure must receive dialysis three days a



Patients Under Attack

Dialysis patients have come under attack by special interests who have pursued



Our Coalition

We are patients, patient advocates, doctors, nurses, dialysis technicians and

Display Ads



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I need dialysis to stay alive

 **Sally Hernandez**
Dialysis Patient, Napa

See Sally's Story

Paid for by Patients and Caregivers to Protect Dialysis Patients

This advertisement features a portrait of Sally Hernandez, a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue top. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background with white and orange accents.



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My dialysis clinic is my lifeline

 **DeWayne Cox**
Dialysis Patient, Los Angeles

See DeWayne's Story

Paid for by Patients and Caregivers to Protect Dialysis Patients

This advertisement features a portrait of DeWayne Cox, a man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background with white and orange accents.

Video Ads



Stage 2: Advocacy

Goals:

- Build a coalition of patients, caregivers, providers, business, veterans
- Oppose AB 290
- Support AB 1448

How? Website

- <https://dialysislifesupport.com>

Advocacy tools in the website:

- Emails to legislators
- Tweets to legislators
- Separate options for patients, caregivers, family members.
- Company specific pages to track employees/patients who take action.

What is AB 290?

- ✘ Discriminates against low-income dialysis patients by limiting what health insurance companies pay for care for patients who receive charitable premium assistance (CPA).
- ✘ Allows insurance companies to slash reimbursements down to Medicare rates, which are below the cost of care.
- ✘ Jeopardizes access to care for ALL dialysis patients who need dialysis three days a week, four hours at a time, to survive.
- ✘ Opposed by patients, doctors and dialysis providers.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AB 290 →](#)

Oppose AB 290, Send a Letter

I am a dialysis patient

I am a caregiver

I am a family member of a dialysis patient

I am a constituent

REJECT AB 290: BILL PRIORITIZES INSURANCE COMPANY PROFITS OVER DIALYSIS PATIENT ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING CARE

Bill discriminates against low-income dialysis patients by limiting what health insurance companies pay for patients who receive charitable premium assistance (CPA). Wealthier dialysis patients, those who can afford to pay their insurance premiums out of their own pockets, are not affected by this bill whatsoever.

CDC Legislative Day

May 14th – Sacramento

Everyone should attend to show support for the dialysis community

Meet with your legislator in the afternoon