

Colorado Medical Society
Legislative Positions Spectrum

Support					Monitor			Oppose
S1	S2	S3	M or M/A	O3	O2	O1		

Definitions:

S1 – Highest level of support – Commit significant political resources

S2 – Advance and spend political capitol depending on the political environment.

S3 – A demonstration of support associated with minimal expenditure of political capitol, if any.

M – Monitor. Watch for unfriendly amendments or opportunities to advance a policy objective.

M/A – Monitor with amendments. Monitor after successfully amending leg to address physician concerns.

O1 – Highest level of opposition – Commit significant political resources.

O2 – A strong preference for defeating legislation OR as an alternative amend contentious language change position to a monitor.

O3 – A demonstration of opposition associated with minimal expenditure of political capitol, if any

NOTE: All positions rendered by the Council on Legislation are subject to review and approval by the CMS Board of Directors.



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<p>HB 1004</p>	<p>Support Level 3</p>	<p>Bill Title: PACE Organizations Employ Physicians Bill Sponsors: Apuan</p> <p>Allow Total LTC (PACE provider) to employ geriatricians</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 3/19/09</p>
<p>HB 1012</p>	<p>Monitor with amendments</p>	<p>Bill Title: Incentives Wellness and Prevention Program Bill Sponsors: Rice, Stephens, Mitchell, Newell</p> <p>Authorizes insurance carriers to offer incentives for covered individuals and groups to participate in wellness and prevention programs; incentives include premium discounts or rebates, lowered copays, deductible or coinsurance. Does not require participant to achieve a certain outcome in order to receive the incentive.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 4/25/09</p>
<p>HJR 1017</p>	<p>Support Level 3</p>	<p>Bill Title: Long Term Care Resolution Bill Sponsors: Riesberg, Williams</p> <p>Long Term Care resolution calling for palliative and hospice care study.</p> <p>Status: Sent to Governor</p>
<p>HB 1020</p>	<p>Support Level 2</p>	<p>Bill Title: Expedite Medical Program Re-enrollment Bill Sponsors: Acree, Spence</p> <p>Allow online and telephone re-enrollment for Medicaid and CHP+.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>

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HB 1023	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Blood Donations by Minors Bill Sponsors: Gagliardi, Swalm, Boyd</p> <p>Allow minors between ages of 16-18 to donate blood with parental consent.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 3/19/09</p>
HB 1025	Support Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Hospital Infection Rates Reporting Criteria Bill Sponsors: Riesberg, Boyd</p> <p>Exempts ASCs and certified dialysis center from requirement that individuals who collect data on hospital-acquired infection rates have national certification (extends exemption that currently applies to hospitals with 50 or fewer beds).</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 3/20/09</p>
HB 1028	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Colorado Indigent Accountability Board Bill Sponsors: Frangas</p> <p>Creates accountability board to review grievances related to CICP.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
HB 1032	Oppose	<p>Bill Title: Photo ID for Controlled Prescriptions Bill Sponsors: Liston</p> <p>Require photo ID to pick up controlled substance prescriptions.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
HB 1047	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Alternative Therapies for Medicaid Bill Sponsors: Todd, Williams</p> <p>Establishes pilot program (beginning 1/1/12) to allow Medicaid to pay for chiropractic care, massage therapy or acupuncture (provided by licensed or certified practitioners) for disabled clients.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>
HB 1061	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Health Care Transparency Bill Sponsors: McGihon, Tochtrop</p> <p>Requires plans to report to DOI any relationships with intermediaries, e.g., disease management companies.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 4/30/09</p>

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HB 1073	Support Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Electronic Prescriptions in Medicaid Bill Sponsors: Massey, Boyd, Kopp</p> <p>Directs HCPF to study e-prescribing for Medicaid.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>
HB 1077	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Behind the Counter Tobacco Sales Bill Sponsors: Schafer, Newell</p> <p>Prohibits sale of cigarettes or tobacco products through a self-service display except in tobacco shops; prohibition does not include vending machines or locked cases.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
HB 1086	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Continued Competency for Mental Health Profiles Bill Sponsors: McGihon, Boyd</p> <p>Require LCSWs, LSWs, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, licensed addiction counselors and Level II/III certified addiction counselors to maintain continued competency; groups must work with DORA to develop the competency program.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>
HB 1094	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Cell Phone Prohibitions for Drivers Bill Sponsors: Levy</p> <p>Prohibits cell phone use, incl. texting, while driving except that those over age 18 may use a hands-free headset.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>
HB 1097	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Alternative Medicaid Program For Elderly Bill Sponsor: Lundberg</p> <p>Allows the state to apply for a federal Medicaid waiver in order to provide an alternative Medicaid LTC benefit with an annual cap of 70% of the value of the current Medicaid benefits; participants may use the state money to pay for care provided by private LTC providers</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>

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HB 1103	Support Level 2 while working with sponsors to clarify concerns	<p>Bill Title: Presumptive Eligibility Long-Term Care Bill Sponsor: Riesberg, Newell</p> <p>Allows the state to seek a federal authorization allowing persons in need of long-term care to be declared presumptively eligible (i.e., they may begin to receive Medicaid-sponsored LTC upon declaration of assets; need not wait to submit proof before being admitted to Medicaid LTC)</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor on 4/22/09</p>
HB 1111	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Health Resources For Underserved Areas Bill Sponsor: Massey, Boyd, Schwartz</p> <p>Establishes an office of primary care at CDPHE to serve as the centerpost of rural health care workforce programs, including housing rural loan repayment program and making recommendations regarding consolidation of loan repayment programs. Expands membership of community board overseeing loan repayment applications to include, among others, a currently practicing rural physician.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>
HB 1139	Support Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Bill Sponsor: Solano, Tochtrop</p> <p>Establishes a fetal alcohol spectrum disorders commission that would include representatives from pediatrics and adult health care. Commission will develop language for warning signs for use by vendors of alcoholic beverages and make recommendations re: prevention and education about FASD.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor on 4/21/09</p>
HB 1143	Oppose	<p>Bill Title: HMOs Offer Limited Benefit Plans Bill Sponsor: Swalm, Schwartz</p> <p>Authorizes HMOs to offer limited benefit plans.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor on 4/16/09</p>

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HB 1175	*Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Regulate Naturopathic Doctors Bill Sponsor: Curry, Williams</p> <p>*Position NOTE: Support Level 2, Per recommendation of Scope Subcommittee.</p> <p>Naturopathy - registration and narrowly-defined scope of practice for naturopaths who graduated from 4-year naturopathy schools.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
HB 1188	Support Level 1	<p>Bill Title: Modify Michael Skolnik Med Transparency Bill Sponsor: Ryden, Carroll</p> <p>Skolnik Act clean-up.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 3/30/09</p>
HB 1191	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: HCPF Liens Against Third-Party Claims Bill Sponsor: McCann, Boyd</p> <p>When a Medicaid recipient loses a suit against the state, allows the state to recover the full value of the medical assistance provided to that person w/o first deducting attorney fees and litigation costs.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 4/03/09</p>
HB 1204	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Priority Preventive Health Services Bill Sponsor: Massey</p> <p>*Position NOTE: Oppose in current form but work with sponsor on amendments, e.g., require coverage for a dollar amount of preventive services to be chosen under physician's guidance from USPSTF A&B recs; or, use the eValu8 process to learn what plans are currently doing and then develop legislation to fill holes</p> <p>Mandates coverage for preventive services: alcohol misuse screening/prevention, yearly cervical cancer screening, cholesterol screening every 5 years for men 35 YO and women 45 YO, childhood immunizations, flu shots, pneumovax, tobacco use screening and intervention. Specifies that these coverages are to be in accordance with recs of USPSTF. Copays and coinsurance may apply but shall not exceed 10% of the cost of the service.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>

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HB 1209	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Modify Health Care Coverage Cooperatives Bill Sponsor: Green</p> <p>Changes rules regarding health insurance purchasing cooperatives to allow individuals (not only businesses) to join; requires that small businesses participating in coops enroll at least 60% of their employees; requires that rates paid by employer members and individual members be the same.</p> <p>Status: Passed House Health and Human Services Committee, Awaiting 3rd Reading.</p>
HB 1210	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Mandatory Paid Sick Leave Bill Sponsor: McGihon, M. Carroll</p> <p>Requires all employers to provide paid sick leave.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
HB 1224	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: No Gender Individual Health Ins. Rates Bill Sponsor: Schafer, M. Carroll</p> <p>Prohibits insurance carriers from using gender as a rating factor for premiums in individual market.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>
HB 1226	PENDING REVIEW	<p>Bill Title: No-fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act Bill Sponsor: McGihon, M. Carroll</p> <p>Return to no-fault insurance.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
HB 1232	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Med Orders for Scope of Treatment Bill Sponsor: Roberts, Morse</p> <p>"MOST" - Creates a single form consolidating medical orders for CPR, medical interventions, antibiotic use, artificial nutrition/hydration to be sent with a patient whenever transferred or discharged; designed primarily for elderly patients moving between SNF/assisted living and hospital settings. Requires EMS and hospital personnel to comply with the orders.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>

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HB 1252	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Expand Health Access Pilot San Luis Valley Bill Sponsor: Roberts</p> <p>Allows San Luis Valley to create local health care access pilot program similar to the one underway in Pueblo.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Awaiting Concurrence.</p>
HB 1253	Support Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Defendants with Mental Illness Bill Sponsor: Pace, Tapia</p> <p>If a defendant who was found incompetent to stand trial is returned to jail, allows county jail to require same treatment as ordered by the court and requires physician assessment of defendant's mental status prior to medication administration.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor on 4/16/09</p>
HB 1256	*Oppose in current form	<p>Bill Title: Interstate Purchase Health Insurance Bill Sponsor: Acree</p> <p>*Position NOTE: Oppose in current form; revisit if DOI is able to amend the bill to point where they are comfortable with it</p> <p>Authorizes DOI to enter into multistate agreements to allow Coloradans to purchase individual coverage from companies regulated in other states.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
HB 1273	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Health Care for Colorado Bill Sponsor: Kefalas, Foster</p> <p>Establishes an authority to develop a health care system to administer health care services for Colorado.</p> <p>Status: DEEMED LOST</p>
HB 1275	Support Level 1	<p>Bill Title: EMT Provisional Certification Bill Sponsor: Apuan, Morse</p> <p>Enables provisional 90-day certification to EMTs who have satisfied all regulatory requirements but haven't yet passed background checks.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Referred to Appropriations.</p>

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HB 1278	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Care for Vulnerable Populations Bill Sponsor: Frangas</p> <p>Directs HCPF to increase the CHP+ eligibility level to the maximum allowed by federal law; establishes a "navigator" to help Medicare clients; enables the state to take advantage of new federal law allowing laid-off workers to buy in to Medicaid</p> <p>Status: Sent to Governor</p>
HB 1344	Oppose Level 1	<p>Bill Title: Inflation Med Malpractice Damages Bill Sponsor: Scanlan, Boyd</p> <p>It has been amended to remove the noneconomic damage cap increase and all inflation adjustments to the existing caps. The bill now requires prior review of any medical malpractice rate increase of five percent or more, allows any citizen in the state to request a hearing and also dictates that carriers can only raise medical malpractice premiums if the company can demonstrate that failing to do so will jeopardize its reserves.</p> <p>Status: Sent to Governor</p>
HB 1347	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Donate Life Special License Plate Bill Sponsor: Kagan, Romer</p> <p>Authorizes donate life special license plates for motor vehicles that do not exceed 16,000 pounds. Authorizes issuance of the special license plate to a person who pays the appropriate fees, plus 2 one-time fees equaling \$50, and crediting \$25 to the highway users tax fund and \$25 to the licensing services cash fund.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>
HB 1349	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Continue Health Care after Employment Bill Sponsor: Fischer</p> <p>Allows an employee who has been terminated from employment the right to continue health care coverage with a 65% premium subsidy if the employee is an assistance-eligible individual.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Awaiting Concurrence.</p>

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HB 1353	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Medical Benefits for Legal Immigrants Bill Sponsor: Miklosi, Foster</p> <p>Subject to sufficient appropriations and the receipt of federal financial participation, authorizes the department of health care policy and financing to provide benefits under medicaid and the children's basic health plan to pregnant women and children who are legal immigrants prior to the 5-year waiting period following their date of entry into the United States.</p> <p>Status: Passed House, Passed Senate, Sent to Governor.</p>
HB 1358	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Create Health Care System for Colorado Bill Sponsor: Rice</p> <p>Creates the Colorado health care authority (authority) as a body corporate and political subdivision of the state. Establishes the mission of the authority, which is to create a health care system (system) in Colorado that is the administrator and payer for health care services.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 2	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Increase Motor Vehicle Fees for Emergency Services Bill Sponsors: Morse, Peniston</p> <p>Increases motor vehicle registration fee by \$1 to \$2 to fund EMS services.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Awaiting Concurrence.</p>
SB 7	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: APN Sign-Off on Involuntary Commitment Orders Bill Sponsors: Veiga, Riesberg</p> <p>Eliminates sections added to statute last year allowing APNs to sign off on involuntary commitment orders (i.e., more than a short-term mental health hold).</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 9	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Adding Adult Dental Benefits to Medicaid and CHP+ Bill Sponsors: Boyd, Massey</p> <p>Adds adult dental benefit to Medicaid and for pregnant and postpartum women on CHP+.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>

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SB 10	Support Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Defibrillator Immunity from Civil Liability Bill Sponsors: Spence, Primavera</p> <p>Encourages installation and use of automated external defibrillators by extending liability protections; eliminates requirement that a licensed physician be involved in the program at the site of the AED. Sites are encouraged to have written plans for use and training approved by a physician. Physician who approved the plans, site personnel and person providing assistance with the AED are immune from liability whether or not the person or entity that acquired the AED has met the requirements of the statute.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 3/25/09</p>
SB 11	Support Level 3 Pending Amendments	<p>Bill Title: Creation of a Behavioral Health Commission Bill Sponsors: Boyd, Frangas</p> <p>Creates behavioral health commission within DHS to coordinate and “de-silo-ize” mental health services among public agencies and community providers.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 12	Monitor pending amendments	<p>Bill Title: Peer Review for Health Care Providers Bill Sponsors: Morse, Kopp, Frangas, Massey</p> <p>Establishes peer review for podiatrists, chiropractors, dentists, dental hygienists, midwives, nurses, nursing home administrators, optometrists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, respiratory therapists, psychologists, EMTs, PA, nurse aides, psychiatric technicians.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 29	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Safety Belts in School Buses Bill Sponsors: Shaffer</p> <p>Requires school buses to be equipped with safety belts and requires passengers on school buses that are purchased after 6/30/10 to wear seat belts; beginning in 2014, grandfathers in older buses.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>

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SB 46	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Healthy Snacks in Schools Bill Sponsors: Sandoval</p> <p>Requires boards of education to prohibit sale (through cafeterias, vending machines, school stores and on-campus fundraisers) of snack foods except for fruit, vegetables, reduced-fat cheese, eggs, nuts, low-fat or fat-free dairy products, or any food that meets certain guidelines for fat, sodium and calorie content.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.</p>
SB 61	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Licensed Doctor Review Ins. Claims Denial Bill Sponsors: Carroll, Primavera</p> <p>Requires that UR, claims reviews and independent medical examinations be provided by physicians licensed in Colorado in the same or a related specialty as would typically manage the case being reviewed.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>
SB 102	Oppose	<p>Bill Title: Medical Benefits If Employer Insured Bill Sponsors: Brophy</p> <p>Prohibits people from participating in Medicaid or CHP+ if they are eligible for employer-sponsored insurance for which the employer would contribute at least 50% of the premium</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 103	Support Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Unfair Practice Incentives Deny Claims Bill Sponsors: Carroll, Pommer</p> <p>Makes it an unfair/deceptive practice for insurers to provide incentives of any kind for claims denials.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 123	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Healthy Choices Dropout Prevention Bill Sponsor:</p> <p>"Healthy Choices Dropout Prevention" - grant program to allow school districts to fund, among other things, exercise and nutrition programs.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>

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SB 128	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Sunset Unlicensed Administration of Meds Bill Sponsor: Carroll, Green</p> <p>Sunset of med aides statute - Continues the program which allows unlicensed persons to administer medications through use of "reminder boxes" filled by pharmacist at facilities; requires facilities that use such aides to document that the aides have passed a competency evaluation at least once every 5 years and pass drug-related criminal background checks.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>
SB 131	Support Level 2	<p>Bill Title: Require Physical Activity in Public Schools Bill Sponsor: Romer</p> <p>Requires school districts to provide a minimum of 150 minutes/week of physical activity for students; can be recess, field trips or classroom activities that involve physical activity, fitness breaks, exercise programs. PE classes only count insofar as they involve actual exercise. Charter schools may develop their own rules.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>
SB 132	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Provide Discount Prescription Drug Info Bill Sponsor: Boyd, J. Kerr</p> <p>Repeals Colorado Cares Rx Act and replaces it with requirement that the state make information available to the public about other programs offering discounted prescriptions.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 5/4/09</p>
SB 138	Monitor Pending Amendments	<p>Bill Title: Sunset Certified Nurse Aides Bill Sponsor: Boyd, Gagliardi</p> <p>Sunset of nurse aides statute - mostly housekeeping but a couple of provisions merit attention: Repeals statutory scope of practice provisions, instead requiring the BON to set nurse aide scope, education and training through rules; as part of rule-making, the Board shall consider reducing education and training requirements and expanding the allowable routes of med administration beyond just oral. Also repeals existing prohibition on RNs delegating the authority to select medications to anyone (e.g., an aide) who is not authorized by law to select medications.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>

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SB 153	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Analysis of Newborn Screening Program Bill Sponsor: Penry</p> <p>Requires an analysis of the newborn screening program (how many infants are actually tested, disparities between required tests and those recommended by American College of Medical Genetics, how often requirements are reviewed) by 2/1/11.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 159	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Dependent Health Care Coverage Bill Sponsor: Sandoval</p> <p>Requires health plans to increase the maximum age for optional dependent coverage from 25 to 30.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 166	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Prescription Drug Ethics Act Bill Sponsor: Carroll</p> <p>Prescription Drug Ethics Act - gift ban (does not apply to drug samples); disclosure (on Board of Pharmacy Web site) of any benefit provider to practitioners or health care facilities; disclosure (to BOP, who then reports to the Gen. Assembly) of pharmaceutical manufacturers' marketing expenses; prohibits hospitals/health plans/practitioners/entities that receive state funding from allowing someone with a financial interest in a manufacturer from participating in decisions re: wholesale drug purchase and allows AG to impose penalty of up to \$10,000 for failure to comply; prohibits sale/use of prescribing data with individual identifiers.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 167	Monitor while lobbying legislators to oppose prescribing amendment ...if it is offered.	<p>Bill Title: Sunset Bd Chiropractic Examiners Bill Sponsor: Boyd, Kefalas</p> <p>Chiropractic Act sunset - does not include provision that would have removed prohibition on colonics.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>

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SB 168	Oppose, work on amendments	<p>Bill Title: Workers' Compensation Procedures Bill Sponsor: Tochtrop, Soper</p> <p>Requires that hearings on disputed issues not take place until the IME process is completed; requires that review petitions be filed with the State Dept. of Personnel.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 4/22/09</p>
SB 239	Support Level 2, while working on amendments	<p>Bill Title: Sunset State Board Nursing Bill Sponsor: Tochtrop, Reisberg</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>
SB 243	Monitor	<p>Bill Title: Workers' Compensation Benefits Payments Bill Sponsor: Boyd</p> <p>Adjustments to work comp fee schedule.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>
SB 244	Oppose Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Insurance Cover Autism Spectrum Disorders Bill Sponsor: Shaffer B., Primavera</p> <p>Requires health plans to cover full spectrum of autism treatments.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>
SB 250	Oppose	<p>Bill Title: Coverage for Oral Anticancer Medication Bill Sponsor: Tochtrop, Primavera</p> <p>Mandates that coverage for oral chemotherapy be equivalent to that for intravenous chemotherapy.</p> <p>Status: POSTPONED INDEFINITELY</p>
SB 251	Support Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Optometrists Fee For Ophthalmic Devices Bill Sponsor: Romer, Reisberg</p> <p>Allow optometrists to dispense contact lenses that have been treated to act as delivery agents for drugs.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House Sent to Governor.</p>

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SB 252	Support Level 3	<p>Bill Title: Medicaid Mail Order Prescriptions Bill Sponsor: Boyd, Frangas</p> <p>Allow Medicaid recipients to get prescriptions through mail order.</p> <p>Status: Passed Senate, Passed House, Sent to Governor.</p>
SB 264	COL to Discuss	<p>Bill Title: Maximize Federal Match Under ARRA Bill Sponsor: Keller, Pommer</p> <p>Concerning the increased moneys received due to the federal "American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009", and making appropriations therefore.</p> <p>Status: Signed by Governor 5/1/09</p>