# Legislative Update 2015



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## Legislative Make-Up 2015

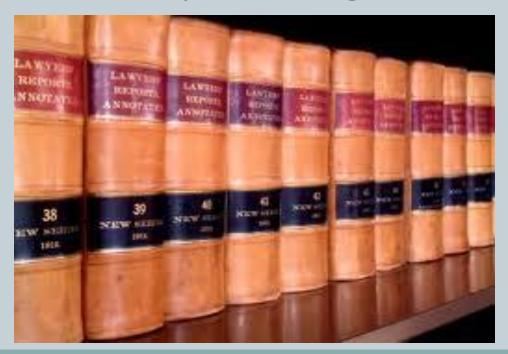
SENATE: 25 Dems, 14 Reps, 1 Vacancy (SD 7)
ASSEMBLY: 53 Dems, 27 Reps
32 New legislators elected in 2014
21 seats will be open in 2016

Redistricting and "top two" primary



## 2015 Legislation

# Over 2,300 measures introduced in 2015 COA is actively tracking 50 + bills



## Areas of COA Interest

Scope of Practice Workers Compensation Budget/Medi-Cal Payment Mechanisms/Managed Care Other"

# Scope of Practice

Naturopathic Doctors
SB 538 (Block)
Nurse Practitioners
SB 323 (Hernandez)

#### SB 538- Naturopathic Doctors

- Allows naturopathic doctors to expand testing to include EKGs, venipuncture, and clinical labs
- Removes existing requirement that all studies must be conducted and interpreted by licensed professionals
- Allows parenteral therapy, joint aspiration

#### SB 323- Nurse Practitioners

- Allows "certified" NP to practice without MD supervision
- Removes "collaboration" and "consultation" with MD for services
- Allows diagnostic procedures, and prescription of drugs and devices
- Requires professional liability insurance "appropriate" for practice setting

# Workers Compensation

#### SB 563 (Pan)- Utilization Review

- Requires employer to disclose compensation arrangements/incentive-based payments to reviewers
- Prohibits use of UR when it is for a prior injury that has already been reviewed and approved, and there is no evidence that the treatment is no longer necessary
- COA is meeting and conferring with employers, labor, and other health care provider groups

#### AB 1124 (Perea)- Drug Formulary

- Would establish a WC prescription drug formulary
- Requires AD of DWC to establish
- Modeled after Texas, Washington formularies
- CWCI estimates \$124-\$420 million annual savings

# Budget/Medi-Cal

AB 366 (Bonta), SB 243 (Hernandez): Provider rates

- Would reverse rate cuts for physicians who treat Medi-Cal patients
- Would reinstate primary care Medi-Cal rate "bump" to Medicare rate that expired in 2015.
- Would increase payments to hospital and Medi-Cal managed care plans

# Managed Care

#### \*AB 533 (Bonta)

- Attempts to limit the amount a non-participating provider in a participating facility may receive for covered services
- COA opposes

