



# California Consortium for Urban Indian Health

CCUIH Strengthening The Organizations That Strengthen Our Communities

## OCTOBER LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*In October's legislative update, we're excited to lead with a monumental win—after more than a decade of advocacy, CMS has approved Traditional Healing Demonstrations in California. While this is a significant step forward for Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs), there is still critical work ahead to ensure that implementation aligns with the needs of UIOs and fully support the communities we serve. With the general election on November 5, 2024, it's also crucial to understand how the 10 ballot propositions could further impact American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This update covers the Governor's actions on key legislation, such as signed bills like AB 2435 on the California Health Benefit Exchange and vetoed bills like AB 2428 on Medi-Cal services. As we look ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming tribal consultations and UIO conferences. In November, two UIOs will also host their annual Galas, celebrating community achievements and support.*

### **STATE UPDATES**

- **October State Legislative [Calendar](#):** Starting January 1, 2025, all bills enacted **on or before October 2, 2024**, will officially take effect. This means the legislative changes that have been passed into law this year will soon begin influencing policies, regulations, and everyday life across California. Keep an eye on these upcoming changes as they may affect various sectors, from healthcare to public safety, housing, and beyond! It's a crucial time to stay informed and prepare for the impacts these new laws will bring in the new year.
- **General Election November 5, 2024: Potential Impact on UIOs:** There are 10 California ballot propositions, each with significant potential to impact American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) communities. Proposition 35 directly impacts UIOs as it would direct MCO tax dollars to Community Health Centers, including T/U programs. CCUIH is listed member of the [Yes on 35 coalition](#). These issues range from housing and healthcare to education, environmental protections, and public safety. CCUIH has released an "Understanding the Propositions" document to help guide some of these conversations. For a downloadable file, please share and [check out here](#) on our BE HEARD: Advancing Health and Empowering AIAN Voices at the Polls Program Page.
- **The California State Legislature** All bills needed to pass out of the Assembly and Senate by Saturday, August 31st. Any legislation that did not advance from the floor by this deadline is dead. Bills that successfully passed were sent to the Governor for review. The Governor has until September 30th to sign or veto these bills; here is what we know as of September 25. Below is the status of some select bills. You can also see the Governor's Legislative Update with a more thorough listing of bills signed and vetoed [here](#).

## **SIGNED**

- AB 2435 (Maienschein) California Health Benefit Exchange.
- AB 2860 (Garcia) Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico
- AB 2864 (Garcia) Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program: extension of licenses
- AB 2108: Foster care: missing children and nonminor dependents.
- AB 2711 Suspensions and expulsions: voluntary disclosures.
- AB 2795: CalWORKs Indian Health Clinic Program.
- SB 1382: Community and rural health clinics: building standards.
- AB 1863 California Emergency Services Act: notification systems: Feather Alert.

## **VETOED**

- [AB 2428 \(Calderon\) Medi-Cal: Community-Based Adult Services.](#)
  - The governor stated that codifying the requirement for them to receive an FFS rate is unnecessary because the budget included \$16 million in annual payment increases to CBAS providers.
  - [AB 2428 Veto Message](#)
- [AB 2250 Social determinants of health: screening and outreach](#)
  - The Governor cited the bill's overlap with existing state and federal efforts, such as CalAIM and new federal billing codes. He highlighted concerns about the bill's lack of clarity on "adequate access" to community health workers, making implementing it challenging.
- [AB 2138: Peace officers: tribal police pilot project.](#)
  - The response letter is hyperlinked above and this is part of the Governors response, "Unfortunately, while well-intentioned, this bill creates a significant legal disparity between California peace officers and tribal police officers. There are a range of important obligations, as well as powers, that accompany peace officer status. These obligations must be maintained should the powers of peace officer status be shared with tribal police officers."
- [SB 1067: Healing arts: expedited licensure process: medically underserved area or population](#)
  - The response letter is hyperlinked above and this is part of the Governors response, "... I am concerned about the aggregate effect of legislation that seeks to expedite licensure..."

## **Held Under Submission:**

- AB 1965: Public health. Office of Tribal Affairs.

## **Joint Rule 62 (a) Suspended:**

- AB 1799: Child abuse: Reporting

## **FEDERAL UPDATES**

- Congress is out until November 12th

## **IHS UPDATES**

- [CMS Approves Traditional Healing 1115 Demonstrations for Arizona, New Mexico, California, and Oregon](#)

- [Register for the All Tribes Webinar](#) (and Urban Indian Organizations ) Traditional Health Demonstrations on October 31st 11am
- **[Urban Confer: Proposed Reorganization of DDIGA Offices](#)**
  - Virtual Webinar [Registration](#): Wednesday, November 13th 12-2pm PST
  - [Enclosure organization map](#)

### **POLICY ENGAGEMENTS IN OCTOBER**

- Covered California Tribal Consultation
- CPEHN Board Meeting
- CPCA Biweekly Member
- CPCA Leg/Reg Committee
- CPCA Annual Conference
- RAC Monthly Directors
- NCUIH Policy Workgroup
- OUIHP Urban Program Executive Directors
- Children's Partnership Conference
- CalAIM Indian Health - Transportation Committee
- CalAIM IHP Quarterly Meeting
- DHCS Behavioral Health Transformation - Quality & Equity Advisory Committee
- County Behavioral Health Directors
- Racial Equity Commission
- CPCA Peer Networking/Legislative and Regulatory
- California Racial Equity Coalition
- PATH Coalition
- Tribes and Indian Health Program Representative
- Kaiser Permanente CAC
- CDPH Tribal Health Equity Advisory
- ITUP Policy Forum
- Dental Therapy Government Relations
- CalAIM IHP

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