

Senior Services Coalition 2021 California Bill List

Every year SSC tracks – and advocates for – legislative proposals that will help us meet the challenges of aging and live successfully in our communities, now and in the future. Below is a summary of the 2021 bills we’re actively tracking.

Bill #	Author; Co-Authors; Sponsors	Description	SSC Position Established
SB 48	Limon	Would require all general internists and family physicians to complete at least 4 hours of mandatory continuing education on the special care needs of patients with Alzheimer’s and related dementias. Upon license renewal, the bill would require at least 10 hours of continuing education on dementia.	Support
SB 56	Durazo; Arambula, et al; Justice In Aging	SB 56 will expand access to Medi-Cal for undocumented older adults.	Support
SB 107	Weiner; Bauer-Kahan, Wicks, et al; Nourish CA (formerly California Food Policy Advocates)	SB 107 will make it easier for the most vulnerable Californians to access vital food assistance. This urgent and common sense bill will create a simplified CalFresh application for older adults and people with disabilities and ensure that people can continue to complete applications and other forms by phone, as is currently being allowed during the pandemic. Note: A budget request is being advanced along with this bill.	Support
SB 281	Dodd; Disability Rights California, East Bay Innovations	SB 281 would ensure that California’s Community Care Transitions program conforms to federal law by lowering the length of stay requirement from 90 days to 60 days. It extends the sunset until 2030 for CCT services to be used to decompress skilled nursing homes for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including persons with disabilities who have resided in a skilled nursing facility for less than 60 days. It makes the CCT permanent as a state-funded Medi-Cal benefit if federal funding for Money Follows the Person is terminated.	Support
AB 14	Aquilar-Curry et al (including Bonta & Quirk); (Principal co-author incl. Bauer-Kahan)	AB 14, the Internet for All Act of 2021 would prioritize the development of broadband infrastructure in the most vulnerable and underserved rural and urban communities by utilizing the California Advanced Services Fund to provide community grants to bridge the digital divide. Redefines “underserved” to include inadequate speeds. Authorizes bond funding against future fee income.	<i>Support if changes are made to include older adults in addition to students.</i>
AB 339	Alex Lee & Cristina Garcia	AB 339 would enhance public participation at state and local levels by ensuring that constituents have opportunities to join and comment at public meetings in-person, via call-in and internet-based options. It establishes standards for timely and accessible posting of agendas and directions on how to join	Support

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		meetings via teleconference. It would expand translation services for major languages spoken by constituents, creating opportunities for non-English-proficient Californians to meaningfully engage in the democratic process.	
AB 383	Salas	This bill would establish an Older Adult Mental Health Services Administrator within the California Department of Health Care Services, to be funded by the MSA.	Support
AB 470	Carrillo; Arambula, Wood, et al; Justice In Aging	AB 470 would eliminate the asset test for Medi-Cal eligibility, making it easier for older adults with limited to no income to enroll in Medi-Cal so they have the health care they need.	Support
AB 523	Nazarians; CalPACE	Require the Department of Health Care Services to make PACE program COVID-19 flexibilities permanent.	Support
AB 540	Petrie Norris; CalPACE	Exempt PACE beneficiary from active or passive enrollment in Medi-Cal managed care and ensure PACE is presented as an enrollment option.	Support
AB 695	Arambula; Justice In Aging	Expand HomeSafe program, lower age to 60 for Adult Protective Services (APS), increase funding for APS and HomeSafe.	Support
AB 848	Calderon	Increase Medi-Cal monthly maintenance need for long-term care from \$35 to \$80 per month.	Support
AB 1083	Nazarians; Leading Age California	Establish the Housing Plus Services Nursing Pilot Program in five counties.	Support