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TOP FIVE NEW CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE LAWS EFFECTING YOU IN 2023

SACRAMENTO, CA – Every year in California, hundreds of new laws are passed. This year, the Legislature passed, and Governor Newsom signed 997 bills making them law in California. Many of those new laws will affect the health care you receive. The [California Chronic Care Coalition \(CCCC\)](#) advocates for the improvement of health care for those with chronic conditions. The CCCC reviewed the new health-related laws and believes these are the five bills that may most directly affect those with chronic conditions.

1. New **988 Suicide and Crises Lifeline** ([AB 988](#)) is also called the Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act which creates 9-8-8 centers in California that will connect people experiencing a behavioral or mental health crisis with suicide prevention and mental health services. Just dial 988.
2. **PRICE Act** ([AB 2352](#)). The Price Rx Information and Choice Expansion Act requires a health plan to provide information to the patient and/or their physician about a prescription drug, including cost and coverage for the drug and whether it is subject to utilization management.
3. The **California Cancer Care Equity Act** ([SB 987](#)) gives people on Medi-Cal who are diagnosed with cancer access to a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, NCI Community Oncology Research Program affiliated site or qualifying academic center in each county. Enrollees have a right to request this referral through their Medi-Cal managed care plan.
3. Californian's get continued **Telehealth Access** ([AB 32](#)). Using telehealth became easier during the pandemic, allowing greater access to health care providers for those with difficulty accessing services. The bill ensures that telehealth access will continue for Medi-Cal patients.
5. **Care Courts** ([SB 1338](#)) will be developed in each county to evaluate and provide treatment for Californians suffering from addiction and severe mental illness.

“Many health care bills passed in 2022 will have a positive impact on the care those with chronic conditions receive,” said Liz Helms, President, and CEO. “The CCCC will continue to watch the implementation of these bills and promote the interests of California patients.”

The CCCC is a unique alliance of more than 30 leading consumer health organizations and provider groups that promote the collaborative work of policymakers, industry leaders, providers, and consumers to improve the health of Californians with chronic conditions. We envision a system of care that is accessible, affordable and of a high quality that emphasizes prevention, coordinated care and the patient's wellness and longevity. ###