

CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (Authority)

Discussion of State Legislation to Expand Eligibility for Authority Programs

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Assembly Member Nazarian will be proposing legislation that, were it to become law, would expand the definition of a “participating health institution” that is eligible for Authority loans to improve the safety of a building during an emergency (such as for generators, seismic retrofitting, life safety systems, etc.), by including for-profit skilled nursing facilities where at least 70 percent of their patients are Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This expansion would have a sunset date of January 1, 2026.

Similar legislation was proposed in 2016 (AB 2104, Dababneh) and 2017 (AB 1026, Dababneh). AB 2104 was originally introduced with a 60% Medi-Cal beneficiary requirement for any type of health facility and was eventually narrowed to skilled nursing facilities only with at least a 95% Medi-Cal beneficiary ratio and included a seven-year sunset. This bill died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. A year later, AB 1026 was introduced with a 60% Medi-Cal beneficiary requirement for skilled nursing facilities, but with no sunset date. This bill died in the Assembly Health Committee.

Assembly Member Nazarian and representatives from the California Association of Health Facilities, the sponsor of the bill, will be discussing their proposal and will be available to answer questions.