

INFORMATIONAL HEARING on SB 946 (STEINBERG):
*An Overview on the Implementation of California's Autism
Insurance Mandate Coverage Legislation*

March 4, 2014 at 1:30 PM
The State Capitol — Room 4203

Agenda

- 1) Welcoming Comments – Sen. Steinberg & Committee Members: **(1:30-1:35 PM)**
- 2) An Overview of SB 946 **(1:35-1:45 PM)**
 - a. Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC): Ms. Shelley Rouillard
 - b. California Department of Insurance (CDI): Mr. Robert Herrell
 - i. Explanation of the legislation
 - ii. Actions taken in the implementation of SB 946
 - iii. Establishing a network of providers for SB 946
 - iv. Overview of the DMHC Taskforce findings/recommendations
 - v. Monitoring & oversight
 - vi. Grievances and appeals

3) The Impact of SB 946 on the Regional Center System (1:45-2:00 PM)

- a. Data & Information Overview: Legislative Analyst's Office:
Ms. Rashi Kesarwani & Mr. Shawn Martin
 - i. Methods used by the California Health Benefits Review Program to arrive at SB 946 estimates
 - ii. SB 946 data currently tracked by the Department of Developmental Services
 - iii. Additional data collection that could assist with future SB 946 impact analysis
- b. DDS representative: Ms. Nancy Bargmann & Mr. Jim Knight
 - i. Role of DDS in the implementation of SB 946
 - ii. Copayment and Coinsurance
 - iii. Accessing federal funding for payment of copayments and coinsurance
- c. Regional Center representative: Mr. Rick Rollens – Association of Regional Center Agencies
 - i. The role of the regional centers in accessing SB 946 funding.
 - ii. Operational challenges and opportunities in the implementation of SB 946
 - iii. Update on the co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles related to SB 946
 - iv. The impact of the emergency regulations issued by the DMHC & CDI

4) The Impact of SB 946 on Consumers & Their Families (2:00-2:20 PM)

- a. Representative of Regional Center Consumers: Ms. Marcia Eichelberger–
President of the Autism Society of California
- b. Representative of Non-Regional Center Consumers:
Ms. Kristin Jacobson – Alliance of California Autism Organizations

- i. Overview of the Autism Society survey findings and results
 - ii. Consumers' knowledge & information
 - iii. Benefits and savings related to SB 946
 - iv. Accessing appropriate services in a timely manner
 - v. Issues related to provider networks
- c. Technical Assistance on the Consumer Survey:
Ms. Beth Burt – President, Autism Society of the Inland Empire

5) SB 946 Implementation: Providing Services and Interventions **(2:20-2:40 PM)**

- a. Provider Representative: Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh – Center for Autism & Related Disorders
 - i. Data & information on “contracting issues”
 - ii. Information on network of providers
 - iii. Other issues, findings, and recommendations
- b. Health Plan Representative: Mr. Charles Bacchi – California Association of Health Plans
 - i. Overview of the implementation of SB 946
 - ii. Data and monitoring of SB 946
 - iii. Coordination & communication with regional centers

6) Public Testimony **(2:40-3:00 PM)**

7) Adjournment **(3:00 PM)**