

Time Line for California Health Care Reform

January 8, 2007: Governor Schwarzenegger announces his proposal for health care reform, and declares 2007 as the year for health care reform in his State-of-the-State address to the California legislature the following day.

February 27, 2007: Senator Sheila Kuehl, chair of the Senate Health Committee, re-launches Senate Bill 840 (SB 840), which has more than a dozen co-authors; the bill will create a single, universal, health insurance pool.

April 18, 2007: The CA Senate Health Committee hears and passes SB 840 (Kuehl).

April 24, 2007: The CA Assembly Health Committee hears Assembly Speaker Fabien Nunez's Assembly Bill 8 (AB 8), which passes the Assembly.

April 25, 2007: The Senate Health Committee hears Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata's Senate Bill 48 (SB 48) ([link](#)) for the first time and clears the bill.

June 21, 2007: Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata announce at a Capitol press conference that they are merging their two health reform bills, AB 8 and SB 48, respectively, into one bill, AB 8 (Nunez/Perata).

July 11, 2007: AB 8 (Nunez/Perata) passes Senate Health Committee.

September 10, 2007: AB8 (Nunez/Perata) passes the California Assembly on the second to last day of the legislative session.

September 14, 2007: Governor Schwarzenegger states he cannot sign AB 8 in the form in which it was passed and calls the Assembly into Special Session in order to work out a compromise, rather than veto the bill.

October 9, 2007: Governor Schwarzenegger releases the details of his own detailed legislative proposal to reform the state's health care system in response to legislators' requests for this information.

October 12, 2007: With no Special Session compromise in reach, the Governor vetoes AB 8 (Nunez/Perata)

October 31, 2007: The Assembly Health Committee vets over Governor Schwarzenegger's health legislation, although no vote is cast as no legislator agreed to author the proposal for it to become a bill. Nunez announces intent to vote on a new health care bill by November 26, 2007.

November 6, 2007: Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata unveil their new proposal for health care reform, which makes significant moves to compromise with the Governor's proposal in an effort to get a bill passed this year.

December 17, 2007: AB X1 1 passes the California State Assembly; Governor Schwarzenegger, with Assembly Speaker Fabien Nunez by his side, speaks of his support of AB X1 1 at a news conference. Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, however, questions whether this is the right time to pass such an expensive reform with the recent news of a \$14 billion deficit for the fiscal year.

January 28, 2008: The Senate Health Committee voted 7-1 against AB X1 1; Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata initially decided to delay the Senate vote until January 16, 2008, pending more financial analysis of the bill and its impact on the state's projected \$14.5 billion deficit. The vote was again delayed until January 24.

June 18, 2008: SB 1522, AB 1945, AB 2967, in addition to several other bills that regulate the health care industry, all pass out of their respective houses.

September 30, 2008: Governor Schwarzenegger vetoes a record number of bills, including a number of health care bills. He did, however, pass AB 1150 and 2529, which regulate the insurance industry.

November 4, 2008: Proposition 3 passes in California, which sets aside funds the construction and upgrade of children's hospitals.
