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**HB 2033 (Chapter 128): NOW: ambulance attendants; services**

Permits an emergency medical responder who is employed by an ambulance service and whose primary responsibility is driving an ambulance to exclusively drive an ambulance when providing interfacility transportation. Modifies requirements relating to ambulance attendants and ambulance services.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2051 (Chapter 20): joint training; surveyors; providers**

Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish an annual in-person or remote joint training session between supervisors, compliance officers and investigators who license, certify and monitor long-term care facilities along with skilled nursing and assisted living providers to focus on reporting changes to the survey process and educating on how compliance with these changes will be determined. Allows DHS to receive and spend gifts, grants or donations to pay for the joint training sessions.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2093 (Chapter 24): emergency services; prudent layperson; definition**

Modifies the definition of *emergency services*, as it applies to emergency health care insurance coverage, to include health care services provided to a health insurance enrollee for the treatment of severe pain, such that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in serious jeopardy to a patient's mental health or harm to the patient or others.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2113 (Chapter 26): medical assistants; scope of practice**

Expands the acts that a medical assistant may perform without the direct supervision of a Doctor of Medicine (MD), physician assistant (PA) or nurse practitioner (NP), which include communicating documented medical advice, test results and documented orders, as well as obtaining, processing and communicating medication or procedure prior authorization orders made by a MD, PA or NP.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2116 (Chapter 130): fatality review; information; access**

Directs the State Child Fatality Review Team (State CFR Team) and Maternal Mortality Review Program (MMR Program) to establish a process for approving any

contact, interview or request before any CFR team, MMR program member or designee contacts, interviews or obtains information from a close contact, family member of a child or woman who dies within its jurisdiction. Requires policies adopted by the State CFR Team or MMR Program to include a requirement that individuals who engage with a family member be trained in trauma-informed interview techniques and educated on available support services.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2137 (Chapter 132): NOW: developmental delays; infants; toddlers**

Requires intergovernmental agreements that are developed and implemented by the Arizona Department of Economic Security for Arizona Early Invention Program services to provide families with information on the identified priorities, needs and outcomes for their infant or toddler and related services available, including additional community resources that do not qualify for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2424 (Chapter 95): licensed health aides**

Modifies the definition of a *licensed health aide* to include a person who: 1) is the parent, guardian or family member *by affinity or consanguinity* of the Arizona Long-Term Care System member; 2) may also provide routine ventilator care; and 3) has supervision requirements that are the same as a certified nursing assistant. Permits an applicant pursuing a health aide license to allow their prospective employer to discuss the applicant's application with the Arizona Board of Nursing.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2444 (Chapter 72): grievance process; payment methods; report**

Establishes reporting requirements for health care provider grievances and outlines health insurer billing requirements. Incorporates, in the definition of *grievance*, any delay in the timeliness of claim adjudication that results in a delay of payment of a clean claim.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2447 (Chapter 143): NOW: child safety; department continuation; procedures**

Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) until July 1, 2028. Requires DCS to investigate and determine if a mother is a qualifying medical cannabis patient in cases of suspected neglect and prenatal cannabis exposure. Removes the requirement that a legislator and legislative staff

member sign a form outlining confidentiality laws and penalties for further release of DCS information before the legislator discusses DCS information with another legislator. Establishes DCS reporting requirements on child placement rate increases.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2454 (Chapter 36): kinship foster care; hearings; reports**

Clarifies the requirement for the Arizona Department of Child Safety to file documentation with the court regarding attempts made to contact a child's adult relatives or persons with a significant relationship to the child applies to each *subsequent review and report or permanency planning hearing* after the child is taken into temporary custody.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2480 (Chapter 96): group homes; random drug screening**

Requires the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) to develop and implement policies and procedures to conduct random quarterly drug screening for group foster home employees. Allows DCS to conduct random drug screening of any group foster home employee if the employee is involved in an accident or incident in which a child that lives at the group foster home is injured. Prohibits a group foster home employee from having contact with any child living at the group foster home before an initial drug screening. Requires a group foster home to submit the results of all random drug screenings to DCS within 48-hours after receiving the drug screening results.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2520 (Chapter 40): community health centers; graduate education**

Moves the date, from March 1, 2022, to October 1, 2024, for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to begin annually distributing monies appropriated for primary care graduate medical education services to qualifying community health centers and rural health clinics for direct and indirect costs upon the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2582 (Chapter 123): pharmacists; collaborative practice agreements**

Includes physician assistants and certified nurse midwives in the definition of a *provider* who may enter into a collaborative practice agreement with a pharmacist.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2704 (Chapter 256): NOW: foster youth permanency; pilot project**

Directs the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) to establish a Foster Youth Permanency Pilot Project Team to develop a methodology to identify children who are believed to be at risk of exiting DCS's custody without a permanency placement and to implement solutions to remove barriers to permanency for children likely to be in custody of DCS when they turn 18 years old or begin participating in the Extended Foster Care Program. Contains reporting requirements for the pilot project.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**HB 2744 (Chapter 152): involuntary treatment; guardians; agents; rights**

Entitles guardians and agents who have authority to make personal, medical and treatment decisions for a patient pursuant to a court order or validly executed mental health power of attorney to certain rights regarding involuntary treatment of a patient. Allows a patient's guardian to submit reports to the court regarding a patient's compliance with the original order for treatment. Establishes procedures that a screening agency must follow when denying an application or declining to file a petition for court-ordered evaluation.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2764 (Chapter 100): long-term care; enforcement; memory care**

Requires the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish by rule standards for memory care services for assisted living facilities that are licensed to provide directed care services. Raises the maximum civil penalty the DHS Director may assess for violations of health care institution statutes and rules. Establishes requirements relating to Adult Protective Services investigations into abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult. Modifies the membership of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Care Institution Administrators and Assisted Living Facility Managers. Establishes the Vulnerable Adult System Study Committee and outlines membership, duties and reporting requirements.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1036 (Chapter 227): social work compact**

Adopts the Social Work Licensure Compact to facilitate interstate practice of regulated social workers by improving public access to competent social work services. Creates the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission and outlines its powers, duties and authorities.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**SB 1048 (Chapter 104): child fatality review teams; duties**

Makes modifications to the membership and duties of the State Child Fatality Review Team (State CFR Team) and local child fatality review teams (local CFR teams). Provides the Chairperson of the State CFR Team or a local CFR team access to all information and records regarding a child fatality or near fatality under review.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1062 (Chapter 169): behavioral health professionals; addiction counseling**

Replaces the practice of *substance abuse counseling* with *addiction counseling* to include treatment for all forms of addiction that are persistent, compulsive dependence on a behavior or substance. Reduces, from three to one, the number of years out-of-state behavioral health professionals need to be licensed and certified in one or more other states or federal jurisdictions in order to seek licensure by endorsement from the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (AzBBHE). Exempts AzBBHE from rulemaking requirements for one year for purposes of licensing and regulating addiction counselors and technicians.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**SB 1067 (Chapter 47): DCS; group homes; investigations**

Expands the definition of *abuse* to include physical injury or serious emotional damage of a child caused by an employee of a child welfare agency where a child is placed that is contracted with the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS). Directs a DCS centralized intake hotline worker to prepare a report if the identity of the person who is suspected of abuse is an employee of a child welfare agency and meets the outlined criteria.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1159 (Chapter 229): NOW: dentists; restricted permits; continuing education**

Permits a person to apply for a restricted dental permit if the person will be practicing dentistry for educational purposes in connection with and while enrolled in a continuing dental education program recognized by the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1173 (Chapter 77): licensed professional counselors; compact**

Adopts the Licensed Professional Counselor Compact (Compact) which enables licensed professional counselors to obtain licensure in other Compact states. Creates the Counseling Compact Commission and prescribes powers, duties and authorities.

Effective: September 14, 2024

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**SB 1211 (Chapter 232 E): pharmacists; prescribing; naloxone; reporting**

An emergency measure that permits a pharmacist to dispense naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration without a signed prescription and repeals related reporting and rulemaking requirements.

Effective: June 21, 2024

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**SB 1235 (Chapter 53): NOW: DCS; child fatality review team**

Creates the Child Safety Fatality and Near Fatality Review Team (DCS Review Team) within the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) and outlines duties of the DCS Review Team. Requires the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on DCS to review systemic factors related to alleged child maltreatment fatalities and near fatalities.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1250 (Chapter 54): AHCCCS; claims**

Forbids a contracted health care insurer from denying a claim for payment submitted by the state solely based on a lack of prior authorization if the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) authorized the item or service. Requires a health care insurer to respond within 60 days to any inquiry made by the AHCCCS Director regarding a claim for payment for any health care item or service that is submitted no later than three years after the date of the health care item or service. Stipulates that the claim denial prohibition does not expand the scope of coverage, benefits or rights under the policy issued by the health care insurer.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1254 (Chapter 159): nursing care; assisted living; continuation**

Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, the Arizona State Board of Examiners of Nursing Care Institution Administrators and Assisted Living Facility Managers (NCIA Board) until July 1, 2032. Tasks the NCIA Board, the Arizona Department of



Health Services and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System with collaborating on updating training standards and programs for caregivers, assisted living facility managers and nursing care institution administrators by June 15, 2026.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1255 (Chapter 160): physical therapy board; continuation**

Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy until July 1, 2032.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1256 (Chapter 161): pioneers' home; miners' hospital; continuation**

Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, the Arizona Pioneers' Home and the State Hospital for Miners with Disabilities until July 1, 2032.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1258 (Chapter 162): foster care review board; continuation**

Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, the Arizona Foster Care Review Board until July 1, 2028 and establishes reporting requirements.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1267 (Chapter 236): physical therapy assistants; students; supervision**

Requires physical therapy assistants to be licensed rather than certified. Defines and modifies terms related to the *practice of physical therapy*.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1309 (Chapter 182): mental health evaluations; information; consent.**

Expands requirements relating to applications and petitions for court-ordered behavioral health evaluations to provide additional information about the proposed patient. Prescribes duties and prohibitions of a screening or evaluation agency upon receipt of an application or petition for a court-ordered evaluation. Outlines which individuals may provide informed consent on behalf of a proposed patient for a voluntary evaluation.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1311 (Chapter 163): mental health; oversight; data; documentation.**

Designates the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System as the agency responsible for monitoring, overseeing and evaluating the regional behavioral health authorities and contracted agencies that provide mental health services. Makes modifications to requirements and procedures regarding mental health prepetition screenings and court-ordered evaluations.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1313 (Chapter 164): DCS; discharge from care; housing**

Directs the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) to develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure that every young adult who leaves the care of DCS and has not achieved permanency through reunification, adoption or guardianship has access to safe and secure housing by December 31, 2025. Contains a reporting requirement.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1402 (Chapter 184): health care; costs; reimbursement**

Allows a health insurer to establish a program that provides a savings incentive for enrollees for medically necessary covered health care services that health care providers and health care facilities provide at a price that is below the health insurer's usual reimbursement.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1609 (Chapter 200): NOW: behavioral health; AHCCCS; health facilities**

Requires a health care institution that provides inpatient behavioral health services to a patient with a serious mental illness (SMI) designation to provide, on discharge, an accurate list of all the patient's necessary medications, including psychiatric medications and all other prescription medications and over-the-counter medications, that are to be taken regularly or as needed. Outlines requirements of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration (AHCCCS) related to peer specialist oversight and services for SMI individuals. Requires AHCCCS, by January 31, 2025, to study the implementation of developing and distributing a real-time, automated survey to SMI members or their representatives to collect feedback, identify quality of care issues and respond to the needs of members. Contains additional reporting requirements.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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**SB 1664 (Chapter 127): DCS; tiered central registry; hearings**

Directs the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS), beginning September 15, 2025, to implement a tiered system relating to persons placed on the central registry of abuse and neglect based on the severity of the abuse or neglect and the risk a person presents to commit further acts of abuse or neglect. Requires DCS to record a finding of child abuse or neglect if the finding is supported by a preponderance of the evidence, rather than if probable cause exists. Requires DCS to conform all entries to the tiered system by May 15, 2026.

Effective: September 14, 2024

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## Vetoed Bills

**HB 2183 (Vetoed): parental rights; medical records**

Entitles parents with the right to receive from a health care entity equivalent access to any electronic portal or other health care delivery platform for their minor child. Specifies that a parent's right to request, access and review all written and electronic medical records of the minor child includes access to written and electronic medical records for services not requiring parental consent, including those in certain emergency circumstances.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**HB 2502 (Vetoed): SNAP; mandatory employment training**

Requires the Arizona Department of Economic Security to require able-bodied adults who are under 60 years of age and receiving supplemental nutrition assistance to participate in a mandatory employment and training program unless the person meets the exempt criteria.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**HB 2503 (Vetoed): SNAP; waivers; exemptions**

Prohibits the Arizona Department of Economic Security from seeking, applying, accepting or renewing any waiver of work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents unless it is required by federal law or authorized by state law.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**HB 2504 (Vetoed): forced organ harvesting; insurance; prohibition**

Establishes the Arizona End Organ Harvesting Act which outlines prohibitions on forced organ harvesting.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**SB 1509 (Vetoed): informed consent; signatures**

Specifies, except in an emergency, informed consent for a surgical procedure obtained by a licensed physician, licensed nurse practitioner (NP) or licensed physician assistant (PA) must include the dated signatures of the physician, NP or PA who is performing the surgical procedure, the patient or the patient's surrogate decision maker and a witness.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**SB 1511 (Vetoed): insurance; gender surgeries; documentation; reports**

Forbids a health insurer that provides coverage for gender transition procedures from denying coverage for gender detransition procedures. Requires health care providers who perform gender transition procedures to provide gender detransition procedures and contains reporting requirements and session law provisions for updating official documents that indicate name, sex and gender.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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**SB 1570 (Vetoed): psilocybin services; regulation; licensure**

Directs the Arizona Department of Health Services, by January 1, 2026, to begin receiving applications to license psychedelic-assisted therapy centers and outlines licensure requirements and restrictions. Creates the Advisory Psilocybin Advisory Board and the Psilocybin Control and Regulation Fund.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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