

. SB-221 Health care coverage: timely access to care. (Weiner)

GAC discussed SB 221, which among other changes to State codes establishes required time frames for follow up appointments with non-psychiatric mental health providers in managed systems. While supported by an employee union active in the Kaiser system, and supported by CSAP, other medical organizations have taken a watch position.

Motion:

SB 221 is a complex bill of importance to the practices of SCPS psychiatrists and the well-being of psychiatric patients on our DB; will have many potential effects, on private and public health systems, resources and access to care that are not yet clear; and that PPAC and CMA have all adopted WATCH positions;

Therefore,

GAC recommends that Council take a WATCH position on SB 221 at this time.