

# AB 1979 • California

## Health care services: artificial intelligence.

In Committee

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Jun 03, 2026): Referred to Coms. on P., D.T., & C.P. and HEALTH.

## Summary

This bill regulates AI in health care, ensuring it does not replace professional judgment, mandates disclaimers for AI communications, and allows AI use for non-judgmental tasks like documentation.

## Business Impact

If you operate a health facility using AI for patient communications, you must include disclaimers and ensure AI does not replace professional judgment.

## Key Provisions

- Prohibits AI from replacing professional judgment of licensed health care professionals.
- Requires disclaimers for AI-generated patient communications.
- Mandates licensed health care professionals to exercise independent professional judgment when reviewing and approving clinical decisions based on AI outputs.
- Deems businesses offering healthcare chatbots as providers of health care subject to the CMIA.
- Allows AI use for documentation and communication that does not involve professional judgment, such as automated messages about health record updates.
- Empowers licensing boards to enforce compliance through injunctions or restraining orders related to unlicensed practice.
- Expands the scope of crimes related to health care practice violations by imposing new requirements on health facilities and clinics.
- No reimbursement required for local agencies and school districts for costs mandated by this act.

## Compliance Checklist

- Include disclaimers for AI-generated communications. | Who: Health facilities, clinics, and physician offices. | Penalty: Potential legal action for non-compliance.

- Ensure AI does not replace professional judgment. | Who: Health facilities, clinics, and physician offices. | Penalty: Potential legal action for non-compliance.

## Industries Affected

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Healthcare   Employment   Education   Technology   Consumer Protection

## Topics

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AI Healthcare   AI in Insurance   Comprehensive AI   AI in Education

## Bill Sponsors

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## Related Bills

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- AB 2575 (CA)
  - SB 903 (CA)

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