



## **Ask Gov. Brown to sign AB 1376 & SB 36**

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Injured workers, interpreters, and supporters of healthcare access throughout the state continue to urge Gov. Jerry Brown to sign AB 1376 and SB 36. The bills won overwhelming approval by state lawmakers last month.

AB 1376 would allow qualified interpreters in California to gain certification through March 1, 2014, in order to assist when needed in medical visits for injured workers. SB 36 would add transparency to state insurance regulation by posting already collected data about carriers on a state Web site.

Testimony and a statewide outpouring of support from injured workers and allies throughout the spring persuaded lawmakers about the need for more accessible data about insurance carriers and SB 36.

Interpreters joined with injured workers to stress the importance of AB 1376 in the late summer. In a rare display of bipartisanship, the bill to create a March 1 deadline for certification zipped through the legislature.

Now it's time to convey messages of support for both bills in <separate letters> to Governor Jerry Brown, who should sign both bills before Oct. 13.

On AB 1376: Certification ensures the highest quality medical interpreters for injured workers. Injured workers have a right to be able to communicate with their healthcare providers. AB 1376 protects this right and ensures more certified interpreters will be available to meet the high demand for their expert services.

On SB 36: Transparency strengthens our marketplace and awareness of important insurance trends. This measure provides greater access to information already collected by the state.

Make sure the Governor and his staff hear your voice in support of AB 1376 and SB 36. Then share your separate letters with VIAW ([administrator@viaw.org](mailto:administrator@viaw.org)) or fax 213-746-9222; we are collecting all support letters.

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