



CPA Advocacy Update

Dear Colleague,

You may have seen several messages like [this one](#) over the last month about our grassroots efforts to amend [AB 5 \(Gonzalez\)](#). The bill will implement the CA Supreme Court *Dynamex* decision related to classification of employees vs. independent Contractors. CPA had been in discussion with the Assemblymember's office for months urging her to take an amendment to exempt psychologists from the bill, so that psychologists could continue to work with, and work as, independent contractors.

And....**WE DID IT!** The bill was amended on Friday to EXEMPT psychologists from AB 5 and the *Dynamex* decision. If the bill is signed into law, psychologists will be under the Independent Contractor provisions of the *Borello* test, which has been used for 30 years, and that is the outcome we fought for! The bill will now move to the Senate Floor. Should it pass, it will move back to the Assembly and then the Governor.

As of the time of this email, only four health care practitioner groups are exempted from the bill: psychologists, physicians, podiatrists, and dentists. All other health care providers, including all other mental health providers, are still under the provisions of AB 5. While we worked in a coalition effort with our fellow health care providers for months, we were granted the exemption as a separate group and we now support the current bill.

Stay tuned for messages on how to support the bill should it get to the Governor. Thank you to those who sent in grassroots letters to your Assemblymembers and Senators, met with Senators in key districts, and came up to the Capitol to lobby for the bill. A huge thank you Amanda Levy, our Director of Government Affairs, for her leadership on this.

We thank you for your membership; your loyalty to CPA allows us to fight on your behalf! We can't do it without you!

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