### Legal Title
Health Care Benefits Fund

### Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 298, Statutes of 2009
Health and Safety Code section 127662

### Fund Classification

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### Purpose
This fund was created to provide funding to the University of California for their assessment of legislation proposing mandated health care benefits to be provided by health care service plans and health insurers.

The University of California will publish a written analysis of the clinical efficacy and cost-effectiveness of each legislative proposal, including supporting expert data.

Each health care service plan and health insurer will be assessed an annual fee to be determined by the Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Insurance in consultation with the university and will be limited to the amount needed to fund the actual and necessary expenses of the university and its work in providing their assessment and analyses. The total annual assessment on health care service plans and health insurers will not exceed $2,000,000.

### Administering Agency/Organization Code
University of California/Org 6440

### Major Revenue Source
- Fees imposed upon health care service plans and health care insurers.
- Initial startup funding - loans from Managed Care Fund and Insurance Fund.

### Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Pursuant to Government Code 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

### Appropriation Authority
Upon appropriation by the Legislature.

### State Appropriations Limit
Excluded – Revenues in this fund are fees used for a purpose with a direct and logical relationship to the payer, and are not the proceeds of taxes. However, when transferred, these revenues may become proceeds of taxes.
Comments/Historical Information
Chapter 795, Statutes of 2002 created the fund.
Pursuant to Section 127664 initial startup funding for the university will be loaned to the Health Care Benefits Fund from the Managed Care Fund (0933) and the Insurance Fund (0217). Section 127665 repeals this chapter as of January 1, 2007, unless a later enacted statute that becomes operative on or before that date deletes or extends that date.
Chapter 298, Statutes of 2009 (AB 1540) changed the repeal date from January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015 for the entire chapter.