



Date: May 30, 2019

To: The Honorable Holly Mitchell,
Chair, Budget Conference Committee

Honorable Members
Budget Conference Committee

From: Michelle Gibbons, Executive Director

RE: **4260 DHCS Issue #16 – Assisted Living Waiver Expansion – SUPPORT
SENATE VERSION**

The County Health Executives of Association California (CHEAC) respectfully requests your support of Senate's version of the budget to provide an additional 10,756 slots in the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) program, generating \$47.1 million (\$23.6 million General Fund) in 2019-20, growing to \$304.1 million (\$152 million General Fund) by 2023-24 in savings.

The Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) program provides vital services to seniors and persons with disabilities that reside in the community but are at risk of institutionalization. Currently the ALW program operates in fifteen counties and there is a high demand for participation within those jurisdictions, exceeding the current number of slots available. In addition, with interest from counties beyond the fifteen currently included in the ALW, it is critical that the ALW renewal endeavor to both increase the number of available slots and expand to other geographic regions.

It is for these reasons that, we respectfully urge the Budget Conference Committee to adopt the Senate version to expand the ALW program. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 327-7540.

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