



May 15, 2023

To: The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee

The Honorable Caroline Menjivar, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on HHS

The Honorable Joaquin Arambula, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on HHS

RE: CCS Whole Child Model Expansion Administration Trailer Bill – REMOVAL OF OPPOSITION

The County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC), representing local health departments throughout the state, writes to remove our opposition to the Administration's proposal to expand the California Children's Services (CCS) Program Whole Child Model (WCM) into additional counties. Specifically, CHEAC appreciates the Administration excluding from its updated expansion proposal the three counties – Alameda, Contra Costa, and Imperial – that will be transitioning to a Single Plan model in 2024.

CHEAC and our local health departments are committed to working with the Legislature and Administration to ensure the proper care and management of CCS enrollees in existing and potentially new WCM counties. We continue to engage with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to clarify roles and responsibilities of WCM managed care plans and counties, address annual medical redetermination processes, and strengthen the fiscal administration of the CCS program.

For these above reasons, CHEAC removes our opposition to the Administration's proposed budget trailer bill to expand the CCS Whole Child Model to additional counties. Should you have any questions, please contact me at mgibbons@cheac.org or 916-327-7540. Thank you.

Respectfully,

As signed by

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cc: The Honorable Toni Atkins, Senate President Pro Tempore, California State Senate

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