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The Honorable Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher
Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

SENATE BILL 1108 (AS AMENDED JUNE 20, 2018) - OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) must inform you of its opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 1108, which is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Health Committee. SB 1108 would prohibit the DHCS from seeking or obtaining any Medicaid demonstration project or waiver requiring work or community engagement activities as a condition of Medi-Cal eligibility. It would also prohibit DHCS from seeking a waiver to impose waiting periods, time limits, coverage lockouts, or to require any other condition of Medi-Cal eligibility or coverage not authorized by any other provision of the state law or federal statute or regulation.

As proposed, SB 1108 will inappropriately restrict the ability and flexibility of DHCS to negotiate future waivers with the federal government. While we appreciate the concern raised by the advocates, California has a robust waiver stakeholder process and the past several waivers have all included statutory authorization from the Legislature. We believe this proposed prohibition in statute is both overly restrictive and unnecessary.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 440-7500.

Sincerely,

o/s/by: MR, for

Carol Gallegos
Deputy Director

cc: See next page

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