

July 11, 2019

The Honorable Richard Pan, M.D.
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: MCHAP Support of SB 276

Dear Senator Pan,

The Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel (MCHAP) is an independent, statewide advisory board, legislatively authorized to advise the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on matters relevant to all children enrolled in Medi-Cal and their families, including, but not limited to, emerging trends in the care of children, quality measurements, communications between DHCS and Medi-Cal families, provider network issues and Medi-Cal enrollment issues. The views expressed in this letter are those of the individual MCHAP members whose signatures appear below and do not represent the position of DHCS.

We, the undersigned members of the MCHAP, would like to express our support of SB 276.

Vaccinations provide a vital role in the protection of all of California's children, and we agree that it is in the best interest of those children to ensure that all children that can be safely vaccinated are indeed vaccinated. This bill would provide important oversight so that a standard of care is followed in regard to providing medical exemptions to vaccines. We agree that the recent large increase in the school medical exemptions that have been granted is a concern, and puts the public health at risk. We appreciate your efforts at finding a common sense solution to this problem, and invite you to share this letter of support to the legislators who will be voting on this bill.

Sincerely,

Ken Hempstead, M.D.
Acting Chair, Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel