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RE: AB 608 - Medi-Cal: comprehensive perinatal services

To Dr. Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to provide our recommendation to **SUPPORT AB 608.**

This bill extends Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) eligibility for services from 60 days postpartum to 365 days following every pregnancy, regardless of outcome. Allows Comprehensive Perinatal Health Workers (CPHW's) and other providers to provide off site services, e.g., home visiting, community centers, shelters. The bill also extends essential perinatal services to a vulnerable MediCal population to a critical time period for mental health services, family planning, breastfeeding support, preventive services, dental care, chronic medical condition treatment. AB 608 addresses critical needs in a vulnerable MediCal population, includes undocumented and other uninsured/uninsurable populations, and serves the entire family, addressing psychosocial and mental health needs.

For these reasons, CCLHO recommends a SUPPORT position for AB 608.

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Sincerely,

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