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## RE: AB 2129 Immediate postpartum contraception (Support)

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 express our recommendation to **Support AB 2129**. On April 3, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the support recommendation.

AB 2129 would require a contract between a health care service plan or health insurer and a health care provider issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025, to authorize a provider to separately bill for devices, implants, or professional services, or a combination thereof, associated with immediate postpartum contraception if the birth takes place in a licensed hospital or birthing center. The bill would prohibit that provider contract from considering those devices, implants, or services to be part of a payment for a general obstetric procedure.

CCLHO supports this bill for the following reasons –

- Reproductive health and justice
- Equitable access to IUDs and healthcare for women
- Appropriate spacing of pregnancies is good for the health of both pregnant people and newborn babies.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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