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#### RE: AB 870 - Children's services (Support)

Dear California Department of Public Health:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), which represents the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, would like to express our recommendation to **support AB 870**. On April 4, 2025, the CCLHO Board of Directors voted to approve the support recommendation.

The California Children's Services (CCS) program is a statewide program providing medically necessary services required by children with physical disabilities whose parents are unable to pay for those services. Existing law requires the California Department of Health Care Services to administer the program. Existing law requires the board of supervisors of each county to designate the county department of public health or the county department of social welfare as the designated agency to administer the program. Existing law authorizes counties with a total population under 200,000 persons to administer the county program independently or jointly with the department. Existing law requires counties with a total population in excess of 200,000 persons to administer the county program independently. This bill would authorize counties with a total population under 2,000 persons (Alpine County) to designate another county to administer the program, if that county otherwise meets the standards set forth by the Director of Health Care Services.

CCLHO supports AB 870 because it will maintain access to important healthcare services for children with disabilities in small California counties.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise CDPH, other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health.

Sincerely,

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