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April 12, 2024

RE: AB 2340 Medi-Cal: EPSDT services: informational materials (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 2340**. On April 3, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the support recommendation.

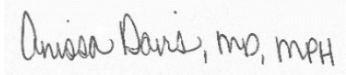
Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, and under which qualified low-income individuals receive medically necessary health care services, through fee-for-service or managed care delivery systems. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. Under existing law, early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) services are covered under Medi-Cal for an individual under 21 years of age in accordance with certain federal provisions. This bill would require the department to prepare written informational materials that effectively explain and clarify the scope and nature of EPSDT services, as defined, that are available under the Medi-Cal program. Under the bill, the materials would include, but would not be limited to, the information required in the above-described federal regulations or their successor. Under the bill, the informational materials would also include content designed for youth, for purposes of delivery of that content to a beneficiary who is 12 years of age or older but under 21 years of age.

CCLHO supports this bill for the following reasons –

- EPSDT is Medicaid's benefit for children & adolescents.
- Health Officers support that local Medi-Cal managed care plans maintain a standard level of services.
- Ensures that all necessary EPSDT services are covered by Medi-Cal managed care plans.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anissa Davis, MD, MPH". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

Anissa Davis, MD, MPH

President, California Conference of Local Health Officers