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The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
Senate Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

ASSEMBLY BILL 2112 (AS AMENDED MAY 25, 2018) – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) must inform you of its opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 2112, which has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. AB 2112 would require DHCS to develop and submit a federal grant application to develop a community-based crisis response plan, pursuant to Section 9007 of the 21st Century Cures Act. AB 2112 would require DHCS to develop the application in consultation with specified stakeholders, including hospitals, first responders, emergency health care providers, law enforcement, court systems, behavioral health providers, and others.

While DHCS agrees with the author's interest in supporting crisis intervention and prevention, DHCS does not need statutory authority to apply for a federal grant. Further, the bill is premature since Congress has not yet appropriated federal funding for the proposed grant application. With no appropriation, a notice of grant award detailing the scope of the grant has also not been released. Therefore, DHCS cannot determine the applicability of the grant to the State's crisis response systems.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 440-7500.

Sincerely,

o/s/by: CG

Carol Gallegos
Deputy Director

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