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Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in Senate Bill (SB) 208 (Steinberg, Chapter 714, Statutes of 2010), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is submitting this letter to your office. SB 208 added Section 14132.275 to the Welfare and Institutions Code which, in part, requires DHCS, not sooner than March 1, 2011, to:

- Identify health care models that may be included in a pilot project.
- Develop a timeline and process for selecting, financing, monitoring, and evaluating these pilot projects that enable dual Medicare and Medi-Cal eligibles to receive a continuum of services and maximize the coordination of benefits and access to services.
- Provide this timeline and process to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature.

DHCS has collaborated with and conducted extensive and ongoing stakeholder meetings since the Spring of 2010 and provides on its website the timelines and documents outlining the process for selecting, financing, monitoring, and evaluating these pilot projects. Also, the website contains the final Request for Solutions that will be used to select the demonstration sites.

To satisfy the reporting requirements of SB 208, our office has provided timely notification to legislative consultants representing the legislative policy and fiscal committees on all stakeholder meetings, updated timelines, and ongoing developments posted on DHCS' website, [www.CalDuals.org](http://www.CalDuals.org).

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Enclosed is a copy of the timeline entitled, "Planning Timeline Dual Eligibles Demonstration" which provides the most recent update on the planning process for these pilot projects.

Please contact me at (916) 440-7500 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

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Enclosure

## Planning Timeline Dual Eligibles Demonstration

The following is an update on the process planning for California's Dual Eligibles Demonstration project. We appreciate the challenges that an evolving timeline can cause, but we are constantly thinking of how best to help advocates, stakeholders and beneficiaries move through this challenging set of issues. The following timeline represents the latest information available from California's Department of Health Care Services.

| <b>Activity</b>  | <b>Approximate Timeframe</b> | <b>Activity and Explanation of Change from Earlier Timeline</b>   |
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| Release of draft site selection criteria   | December 22, 2011            | Previously, the goal had been to release final site selection criteria by year's end. Given the complexity of the issues, the goal is to now release draft criteria for comment.  |
| Comment period on criteria and incorporation of comments                           | Early to mid January         | Harbage Consulting will compile site selection criteria comments, and DHCS will make any changes as needed. Public meeting held in Sacramento the first week of January on the criteria. A second public meeting held on LTSS in Sacramento.        |
| Release of final site selection criteria and beginning of selection process        | January 27, 2012             | Final set of site selection criteria released.  |
| Applications due   | February 24, 2012            | Site applications are due, likely with sites having a two- to three-week window for completion.   |
| Announcement of four counties  | Early April                  | DHCS will announce the four counties selected to participate in the Demonstration, as authorized under SB 208. Public meeting held in Sacramento.   |
| DHCS releases draft demonstration proposal for 30-day state comment period         | Early April                  | The Site Selection Criteria is not the same as California's proposal for the Demonstration. The proposal will outline operations of the Demonstration and will be subject to a 30-day comment period. Public meetings held in each county selected. |
| DHCS closes state comment period and updates draft duals demonstration proposal    | Late April                   | Within two weeks of the close of the state comment period, DHCS will have incorporated comments on the proposal, as needed.   |
| Submission of draft proposal to CMS and beginning of 30-day federal comment period | Early May                    | DHCS will submit the Duals Proposal to CMS, which will have a formal 30-day public comment period.  |