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DHCS TO CELEBRATE MEDI-CAL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHAT: The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will host an event to mark the 50th Anniversary of Medi-Cal, the state's Medicaid program, which provides health coverage to one-third (13.3 million) of the state's population. The event will feature a panel of federal, state, and county representatives discussing current issues in the health care arena. Panelists will be available for one-on-one media interviews about Medi-Cal preceding the event. Please call before May 19 to schedule an interview.

WHO: Panel members available for interviews:

- **Senator Ed Hernandez**, Chair, Senate Health Committee, and co-sponsor of Medi-Cal expansion bill
- **Darrell Steinberg**, State Senate President Pro Tem (retired), and co-sponsor of Medi-Cal expansion bill
- **John A. Pérez**, Speaker Emeritus, California State Assembly, and sponsor of Medi-Cal expansion bill
- **Anne Schwartz**, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission
- **C. Dean Germano**, CEO, Shasta Community Health Center

WHEN: **May 24**
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Media availability with the above panelists
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.: *Medi-Cal Matters* panel discussion
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Medi-Cal 50th Anniversary program/presentation

WHERE: Sacramento Convention Center
1400 J Street, Rooms 202-204
Sacramento, CA 95814

WHY: Medi-Cal has played a significant role in improving the overall health and well-being of Californians over the past 50 years. (Please see the attached flyer for details on the impact of Medi-Cal.) The 50th Anniversary of Medi-Cal is an ideal time to spotlight the successes, opportunity for health improvement, and people of Medi-Cal. Medi-Cal continues to evolve from its earliest days and now represents a dynamic health care delivery system that is extremely efficient and serves as the backbone of California's broader health care environment.

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