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**Re: Request for Information on Pilots for Beneficiaries Dually Eligible for  
Medi-Cal and Medicare**

California Health Advocates (CHA) submits these comments in response to Department of Health Care Services "Request for Information on Pilots for Beneficiaries Dually Eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare." We appreciate the opportunity to respond to this RFI and look forward to making additional contributions as this effort proceeds.

CHA is an independent not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide quality Medicare and related healthcare coverage information, education and policy advocacy. CHA has experience providing information about transitions to the dually eligible population. The organization was initially formed as the California HICAP Association (HICAP is the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, the Medicare benefits counseling program.) We changed our name as we broadened our outreach to organizations and individuals who serve Medicare beneficiaries but are not HICAPs. We continue to support the work of member HICAPs by providing technical assistance, training and policy advocacy.

We are committed to working with DHCS and other stakeholders in this pilot project and look forward to learning more about DHCS' plans to further develop this project.

Sincerely,

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