

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Health Care Services



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Steve Melody, Regional Vice President Anthem Blue Cross, State Sponsored Business 11050 Oison Dr. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Dear Wr. Melody, STOOP

The Governor's Coordinated Care Initiative calls for implementing the duals demonstration in 10 counties. Today, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Department of Social Services (DSS) selected the initial four counties to implement the demonstration under current legislative authority (SB 208, 2010).

Anthem Blue Cross was not among the initial plans selected. However, we look forward to working with your organization to help prepare your plan and both Alameda and Santa Clara Counties for implementation. Pending further state and federal authority, we hope to achieve our shared goals of improved care coordination, better beneficiary health and a more efficient delivery system in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties.

Anthem Blue Cross has significant experience operating as a Medi-Cal managed care plan and delivering services to vulnerable beneficiaries, including seniors and persons with disabilities. Additionally, in your application and interview, you demonstrated characteristics that we believe will allow you to successfully partner with us on implementing this demonstration.

Recently, we announced a series of workgroups to support the development and implementation of the demonstration. We look forward to Anthem Blue Cross being an active participant in these workgroups, as well as your ongoing engagement of local stakeholders.

Sincerely,

JANE OGLE,

Deputy Director, Health Care Delivery Systems