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

The Southeast Asia Resource Action (SEARAC) 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.

The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) is a national organization that advances the interests of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans by empowering communities through advocacy, leadership development, and capacity building to create a socially just and equitable society. While we are a national organization, we have a California office which works on statewide policies. California is home to the largest Southeast Asian American population in the United States. As of 2004, there was a total population of 705,381 Southeast Asian Americans reporting one or more ethnic/racial designations from the following groups: Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian and Vietnamese.

We are supportive of the goals that DHCS has outlined for this project. In particular, we support the intention to use the integrated models to "improve utilization, beneficiary satisfaction and health outcomes by ensuring the right services are delivered to the right people at the right time" and in the right setting. We do, however, have several concerns that need to be addressed to ensure that the models developed and implemented will in fact meet the stated goals of the project. These comments are a first attempt to summarize those concerns and lay out important principles for proceeding.

We look forward to hearing DCHS' plans for continuing and expanding conversations with stakeholders regarding this effort and we are committed to ongoing participation in the process.

Sincerely,

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