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DHCS ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING THE SECTION 811 PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

SACRAMENTO – Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Director Toby Douglas today issued the following statement regarding the implementation of the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration Program:

“DHCS is pleased to partner with the California Housing Finance Agency, Department of Housing and Community Development and California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to create permanent supportive housing for low-income persons with disabilities, particularly those who reside in a long-term facility and desire to return to community living. The primary barrier to returning to the community from a long-term facility is lack of affordable housing.

This demonstration aligns with our strong commitment to help keep beneficiaries independent in the community and out of institutionalized care. It also provides the state, in coordination with stakeholders and local organizations, the opportunity to proactively implement system changes for persons who have resided in an inpatient facility for the minimum period and want to transition to a community living arrangement.”

Funds will be used to provide housing units for low-income, non-elderly persons with disabilities who are age 18 or older, but less than 62 years of age, at the time of admission, and low-income households that include at least one person with a disability. The disability of these tenants must be at an eligibility level that qualifies them for community-based long-term care services and supports provided under the Medi-Cal program.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is making available nearly \$12 million to provide long-term project-based rental assistance for 335 units reserved for low-income people with disabilities. The target population for this program is Medi-Cal beneficiaries with disabilities transitioning from institutional settings and persons at serious risk of institutionalization in all 58 counties in the state. Project sponsors will apply for subsidy funding, and the state will review and select projects for funding.

For more information about the demonstration, please contact the California Housing Finance Agency at (916) 326-8607.

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