

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



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Dear Stakeholders and Interested Parties:

A key element of California's waiver proposal is to provide our senior and disabled beneficiaries with access to care that is better organized and coordinated than the care that is currently available from the fee-for-service payment system. In our Implementation Plan, we had proposed to begin enrollment of Seniors and Person with Disabilities into Medi-Cal managed care plans on February 1, 2011, and continue over the course of a year.

Our latest review of the steps needed to assure a successful enrollment process has resulted in a change in that starting date. We have decided to initiate enrollment on June 1, 2011, to allow adequate time to plan and prepare for initial enrollment. We have shared with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a schedule based on this new starting date. We plan to provide a more detailed schedule for your review prior to our next Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for September 29, 2011. At that time, we can review the components of the new schedule.

We appreciate your interest and participation in our planning efforts and look forward to working toward a successful implementation.

Sincerely,

David Maxwell-Jolly

Director