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## **STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS DISCUSS FISCAL ANALYSIS OF THE BCRA'S DAMAGING IMPACT ON MEDI-CAL**

**WHAT:** The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will conduct a conference call to discuss the Department's preliminary fiscal analysis of the Medicaid provisions in the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA). The BCRA adds potentially \$30 billion annually to the state's cost of funding by fundamentally changing the relationship between states and the federal government regarding the administration of the Medicaid program. The current proposal represents a significant shift of costs from the federal government to states.

**WHO:** Participants include:

- **Jennifer Kent**, Director, Department of Health Care Services
- **Mari Cantwell**, State Medicaid Director, Chief Deputy Director of Health Care Programs, Department of Health Care Services

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 28 at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Number: (866) 732-4680  
Participant Code: 7318800

**WHY:** Medi-Cal covers 13.5 million Californians with comprehensive medical, dental, mental health, substance use and long-term care services and supports. The impacts of the BCRA will be devastating to California and the Medi-Cal program. If the BCRA becomes law, California will be faced with tens of billions of dollars in new costs that could necessitate difficult decisions to be made regarding the populations and benefits we choose to cover and how much we pay providers and plans for the services they provide.

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