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Senate Budget & Fiscal Review

**OUTCOMES: Senate Subcommittee #3 on Health & Human Services
Thursday, April 23 (Room 4203)
Agenda Part A – Health Related Issues**

4265 Department of Public Health

1. Oral Health Program

- Informational item

2. Office of Health Equity

- Informational item

3. Richmond Laboratory – Capital Outlay

- Motion to approve as budgeted.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

4. Women, Infant, and Children Program

- Held open

5. California Home Visiting Program

- Motion to approve as budgeted.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

6. Ebola Emergency Preparedness

- Motion to approve as budgeted.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

7. Proposition 99 - California Tobacco Health Protection Act of 1988

- Motion to approve as budgeted.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

4260 Department of Health Care Services

1. Family Health Programs

- Held open

2. Limited Benefit and Special Population Programs Eligibility Requirements

- Motion to approve staff recommendation.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

Subcommittee Staff Comment and Recommendation—Modify TBL. It is recommended to modify this proposed trailer bill language by deleting the provisions related to GHPP. While the Administration’s goal to promote comprehensive coverage is understandable, the components of this proposal related to GHPP could disrupt care or increase the cost of care for some of the state’s most medically vulnerable persons. For example, persons on GHPP would likely have to pay higher prices for expensive drugs, such as clotting factor, if they are eligible and enroll in a Covered CA health plan. Additionally, although this proposal includes a “wrap” to provide specialized services in GHPP that would not be provided through a Covered CA health plan, the state has not yet implemented any Covered CA “wraps” and it is not clear when this could be accomplished.

Finally, in order to keep the cost of premiums affordable, Covered California plans have utilized selective contracting. There have been reports in the media and by stakeholders that enrollees could not find a Covered California plan that included their provider and sometimes it was not clear if the drug they needed would be on the formulary. Continuity of care for the individuals on GHPP is critical given that this is a fragile and chronically ill population.

3. Modification of Major Risk Medical Insurance Program

- Held open

4. Medi-Cal: Coordinated Care Initiative

- Held open

5. Medi-Cal: Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Assurance Fee Extension

- Held open

6. Medi-Cal: Managed Care Office of the Ombudsman

- Motion to approve as budgeted.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

7. Medi-Cal: Impact of President’s Executive Order

- Held open

8. Medi-Cal: Continuation of 1115 Waiver Workload

- Motion to approve as budgeted.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

9. Medi-Cal: Palliative Care

- Motion to approve as budgeted.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

10. Medi-Cal: CA-MMIS

- Informational item

11. Medi-Cal: Electronic Health Records Incentive Program - Staffing

- Motion to approve as budgeted.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent

12. Medi-Cal: Behavioral Health Treatment

- Held open

13. 1991 Realignment Technical Trailer Bill Language

- Motion to adopt placeholder trailer bill language as proposed.
- Vote - 2-0, Senator Stone absent