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The Honorable Holly Mitchell  
State Capitol, Room 4082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Mitchell:

**RE: SB 1341 (Mitchell) – As introduced February 21, 2014 - SUPPORT**

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 1341, which would require the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) to be the system of record for Medi-Cal and to contain all Medi-Cal eligibility rules and case management functionality.

This legislation codifies previous agreements authorizing California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS) to act as the engine that applies the new rules necessary for an eligibility determination, under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) rules. The bill would also require that CalHEERS make the business rules available to the SAWS consortia in order to determine Medi-Cal eligibility.

SB 1341 also enables counties to create, edit, and send Medi-Cal Notices of Action (NOA). This functionality is imperative to providing clients with informative and complete notices—avoiding confusion, proactively addressing potential questions and informing clients of their rights.

It is essential to keep SAWS functionality intact as SAWS continues to be the system of record that is used to administer multiple social services programs and ensure entities are in compliance with Medi-Cal statutory due process requirements. For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports SB 1341. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821.

Sincerely,

JANICE RUTHERFORD  
Board of Supervisors Chair  
Second District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

c: County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation