

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1763 without my signature.

This bill imposes a no cost sharing mandate on health plans and insurance policies for colorectal cancer screening services that exceeds the requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act.

I understand the importance of preventative health care services, and in particular, screening for various types of cancer. I believe, however, the cost sharing rules for these services as set in the Affordable Care Act are sufficient. Moreover, creating a no cost sharing rule for colorectal cancer sets it apart from all other cancers and contributes to increasing everyone's health care costs.

Sincerely,

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