



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2077 without my signature.

This bill allows people to stay on Medi-Cal longer in order to sign up for Covered California. The bill also requires counties to prioritize applications from new enrollees into Medi-Cal from Covered California.

The ability to maintain coverage while transitioning between Medi-Cal and Covered California may indeed be a daunting task. I am not comfortable, however, with the approach this bill proposes by giving more time on Medi-Cal to some, and preferential enrollment to others.

The Department of Health Care Services and Covered California are currently working on improvements to the eligibility and enrollment systems to give people the timely information they need to ease the transition from one program to the other.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.

