



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning AB 2206 without my signature.

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provides fully integrated care to people age 55 and older who need skilled nursing home type care, but can live in a community setting. California was the pioneer for PACE programs in the nation, having started the first one of its kind in the early 1970's.

Last year, I signed AB 574 to expand PACE, so that more providers could use this model and give aging Californians the benefits of fully integrated care. Since that time, my administration has embarked on a large scale effort to coordinate care for people who qualify for both the Medi-Cal and Medicare programs. The Coordinated Care Initiative, enacted through SB 1008 of 2012, will similarly build on the integrated care concept, using managed care plans to break down the silos that currently exist between medical and long-term care.

Within this effort, there will be ample opportunity for PACE to continue its mission and thrive as a model of care. I will direct my administration to involve PACE providers as the initiative rolls out. Enacting special provisions for PACE eligibility and referral is not necessary at this time.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.