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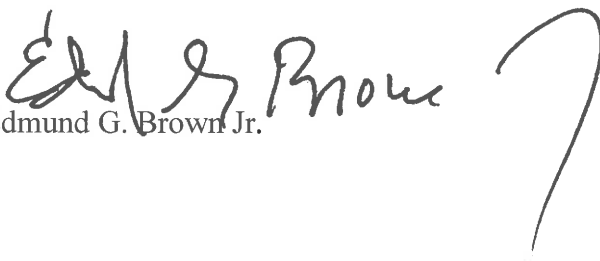
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 68 without my signature.

This bill would grant a Medi-Cal beneficiary the right to an urgent appeal when a Medi-Cal managed care plan denies coverage for a drug prescribed for the treatment of epilepsy.

The health plans are already required to have effective up-to-date drug formularies and expedited appeal processes to cover situations when health care services, including epilepsy drugs, are denied. I believe establishing a separate urgent appeal for this specific medical condition is unnecessary.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.