



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1591 without my signature.

This bill adds Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors to the list of health care professionals whose services are reimbursable by Medi-Cal on a per visit basis at Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.

The Department of Health Care Services is developing a new payment model for these health clinics that will eliminate the need to add specific providers to an approved list. Consequently, this bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.