



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2122 without my signature.

This bill would set statewide goals for blood lead level screening tests for children in Medi-Cal and require the Department of Health Care Services to ensure these goals are met.

Lead exposure in children is a serious health concern and I share the author's desire to increase the number of Medi-Cal children who are screened. The department, however, already requires in its contracts with managed care plans and providers that children receive screenings in accordance with federal and state regulations. Updated and more thorough data on periodic screening tests is being developed with the Department of Public Health to assist in tracking compliance.

I believe the department should continue its current efforts working with managed care plans, health care providers and public health officials to determine what additional policies and practices may be necessary to improve screening rates.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.