



March 11, 2019

Senator Richard Pan
State Capitol, Room 5066
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 129 (Pan): Medi-Cal: eligibility.
AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Senator Pan:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing over 5,000 board-certified pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4, strongly supports your proposed legislation SB 129 updating yearly health care tracking to include association health care plans and any other business lines to ensure consistency of publication across both health coverage regulators.

Existing law requires a health care service plan, regulated by the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC), and health insurer, regulated by the Department of Insurance (CDI), that cover individual, small groups, large groups, or administrative services only (ASO) business lines to report the number of covered lives byproduct type to their regulators. Existing law requires the regulators to publicly report that data, including posting on their Internet Websites.

Beginning in 2013, California has tracked enrollment in different types of health care coverage products and business lines. This information has helped policymakers and others monitor trends over time. Since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act, the health care coverage market has undergone major transformation. California's uninsured rate has been dramatically reduced as millions have gained coverage in Medi-Cal, and the individual and small group markets. It will be important going forward that policymakers are able to have data regarding the impact of policy changes, litigation, industry innovations, the economy and other factors on enrollment trends to enable them to take evidence-based action, as needed. SB 129 would update the annual health plan and insurer enrollment reporting requirement to capture additional business lines and ensure the data is available from DMHC and CDI by a time certain every year.

Pediatricians across the state of California strongly support SB 129. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of the children, youth, and families of California.

Sincerely,

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Cc: AAP-CA Leadership