

The San Benito County Board of Supervisors is deeply concerned that the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), dismantle the county In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) cost sharing arrangement, dissolve the Statewide IHSS Authority, and shift collective bargaining for IHSS workers from the Statewide IHSS Authority to the seven CCI counties; with this change, the IHSS MOE is eliminated, and the county share of costs for IHSS will revert back to 35 percent of the non-federal share. If this proposal moves forward it will have a negative impact how San Benito County supports low income families.

This shift is estimated to cost California Counties \$623 million and in San Benito County we estimate it will add an additional \$585,000 in Fiscal Year 2017-18, and is expected to continue to increase in future years. As a small California County with competing demands on limited resources, this move by the Governor will place an undue burden on Social Service and Public Health programs that depend on the historical Program Realignment agreements between the State of California and its County partners.

We know that State Associations like RCRC and CSAC have joined with their county partners and are in discussions with the Governor's Department of Finance to convey the impacts of this budget change. We have long supported the strong partnership of the State and Counties through both good and bad economic times in California and believe it is imperative that the Governor acknowledge and honor the long standing agreements of 1991 Program Realignment.

We urge you to represent the interests of San Benito County and our small, rural partners to help to eliminate this unfair additional burden on the Counties of California.

Signed

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