



May 1, 2026

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1907 (Addis) California Health Benefit Exchange: automatic health care coverage enrollment – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wicks:

Local Health Plans of California (LHPC) is the statewide trade association representing all 17 of California's public and not-for-profit community-based health plans, which collectively cover 70% of the state's Medi-Cal managed care enrollees or nearly 9.1 million Californians. We write to express our support of AB 1907 (Addis), which strengthens and modernizes the automatic enrollment process within Covered California to promote more seamless coverage transitions and improve the overall consumer experience.

Local plans serve millions of Californians and are deeply invested in ensuring that individuals experience smooth, uninterrupted coverage as their eligibility changes. Coverage transitions—particularly between Medi-Cal and Covered California—remain a key point of friction in the system, often leading to avoidable gaps in care, confusion for members, and increased administrative complexity for plans and providers alike. AB 1907 builds on existing automatic enrollment frameworks by expanding plan selection options and improving enrollee notification requirements. The bill allows for enrollment not only into the lowest-cost silver plan, but also into plans that better reflect family alignment or enhanced cost-sharing options. It also strengthens notice requirements by ensuring that enrollees receive clear, actionable instructions prior to coverage taking effect, including how to activate coverage through premium payment or opt-in steps.

From a member perspective, these changes are meaningful. Simplifying enrollment pathways and clarifying next steps reduces confusion and procedural barriers that too often result in failed enrollments or coverage loss. This is particularly important for individuals transitioning off Medi-Cal, who may be navigating complex eligibility changes and enrollment choices. By making enrollment more intuitive and aligned with household needs, AB 1907 is likely to improve coverage continuity and reduce churn.

From a system perspective, the bill will help reduce administrative burden across health plans, providers, and the state. Today, fragmented processes and unclear consumer touchpoints contribute to duplicative outreach, reprocessing of applications, and avoidable member inquiries. Streamlining these processes allows plans to redirect resources toward care coordination, member support, and quality improvement efforts rather than administrative remediation. Importantly, AB 1907 also advances California's broader goal of reducing the number of uninsured residents. Coverage gaps during transitions are a significant contributor to churn and uninsurance. By strengthening automatic enrollment and improving the likelihood that individuals successfully effectuate and maintain coverage, the bill supports greater retention within the coverage system and reduces uncompensated care pressures across the delivery system.

Finally, aligning family members within the same plan—where appropriate—not only improves continuity and member experience but also supports more coordinated care delivery. This approach reflects a more person-centered system design and reduces fragmentation across coverage programs. Local Medi-Cal managed care plans strongly support policies that create a more integrated, equitable, and efficient coverage system for Californians. AB 1907 represents a pragmatic and impactful step in that direction, and for these reasons, we respectfully urge your support for AB 1907.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katie Andrew", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Katie Andrew
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Local Health Plans of California

Cc: Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Assembly Member Addis