



April 17, 2025

The Honorable Mia Bonta
Chair, Assembly Health Committee
1020 N Street, Room 390
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1199 (Patterson) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Bonta:

California hospitals are committed to providing high-quality care for both patients and staff in safe, therapeutic environments. Unfortunately, hospital employees are facing increasing threats, harassment, and even violence from patients and visitors. **That's why the California Hospital Association (CHA), on behalf of more than 400 hospitals and health systems, supports Assembly Bill (AB) 1199, which would authorize hospitals to grant exceptions to the name tag requirement for hospital employees in non-psychiatric units based on legitimate safety concerns.**

Although hospital employees are generally required to wear name tags while on duty, current law acknowledges this requirement's potential risks by allowing an exception in psychiatric settings. Unfortunately, threatening behavior is not limited solely to those units — aggressive individuals can also be encountered in emergency rooms, general medical wards, and outpatient settings.

While it is important for patients to know who is caring for them, it is equally critical to protect the well-being and security of California's health care workforce. AB 1199 would ensure that patient care is not compromised while giving hospitals the flexibility to protect employees when necessary, thus providing an important and necessary step toward ensuring the safety of hospital employees.

CHA respectfully asks for your "AYE" vote on AB 1199 to help make hospitals safer places to work and receive care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kalyn Dean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kalyn Dean
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc:

The Honorable Joe Patterson
Honorable Members of the Assembly Health Committee
Lara Flynn, Chief Consultant, Assembly Health Committee
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