



June 09, 2025

The Honorable Angelique Ashby
Chair, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3320
Sacramento CA, 95814

SUBJECT: AB 447 (Gonzalez) — SUPPORT

Dear Senator Ashby:

California's emergency departments (EDs) provide critical, around-the-clock care to patients in need. As part of ongoing efforts to create a more affordable and equitable health care system, **the California Hospital Association (CHA), on behalf of more than 400 hospitals and health systems, is pleased to support Assembly Bill (AB) 447.**

AB 447 would allow physicians or authorized prescribers to dispense an unused portion of a non-controlled medication to an ED patient upon discharge if specified conditions are met. This change can help reduce medication waste, improve patient medication adherence, and reduce the cost of care.

CHA appreciates the collaboration with the author's office and sponsors to address concerns and ensure the bill's safe and effective implementation. As amended, AB 447 would promote efficient use of health care resources, reduce costs, and improve environmental sustainability — all while upholding the highest standards of patient care.

For these reasons, **CHA supports AB 447.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa Gonzalez". The script is fluid and cursive.

Vanessa Gonzalez
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: The Honorable Mark Gonzalez
The Honorable Members of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
Sarah Mason, Principal Consultant, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
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