



March 30, 2026

The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 1049 (Weber Pierson) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Cervantes:

Senate Bill (SB) 1049, would establish basic fairness and transparency in the reimbursement claim submission process by ensuring that technical claim defects do not result in the permanent loss of reimbursement for medically necessary services. **On behalf of nearly 400 hospitals and health systems committed to improving the health of all Californians, the California Hospital Association is pleased to support SB 1049.**

Under current law, hospitals can be easily denied *any* payment for care delivered to patients as a result of minor, correctable errors — such as simple coding or documentation oversights. When these errors are identified after the standard 90-day filing window, existing regulations often prevent hospitals from submitting a correction, even if the service was appropriately delivered. This creates a system where health plans are enriched by denying payment for services based on administrative or technical errors at the expense of the providers who delivered medically necessary care to patients.

SB 1049 would advance two important policy objectives:

- **Establishes a uniform right for providers to submit a corrected claim within 90 days following a plan’s latest action (such as a denial or overpayment notice) if that corrected claim would resolve the issue**
- **Prohibits health care plans from rejecting those corrected claims based on filing deadlines — ensuring fair payment, reducing avoidable conflicts, and promoting efficient processing for appropriate reimbursement**

By streamlining the dispute process and ensuring fairness and transparency in claims processing, this bill would reduce the need for costly appeals and litigation, enabling hospitals to redirect those resources to patient care.

For these reasons, **CHA respectfully requests your “AYE” vote on SB 1049.**

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 Akilah Weber Pierson, MD
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