



July 11, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O St., Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 2077 (Calderon) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino:

California's hospitals and skilled-nursing facilities (SNFs) are dedicated to providing high-quality, safe, person-centered care. Hospitals and SNFs are also committed to policies and practices that support equity and dignity for our most vulnerable citizens, including older adults and persons with disabilities who reside in the state's SNFs. **With these priorities in mind, the California Hospital Association (CHA) supports Assembly Bill (AB) 2077, which would increase the monthly maintenance income for SNF residents' personal and incidental needs to \$80.**

Existing law requires that the Department of Health Care Services establish income levels for maintenance need at the lowest levels that reasonably meet the basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter of a medically needy person in a medical institution or nursing facility, or a person receiving institutional or noninstitutional services from a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly organization. The current monthly maintenance amount of \$35 was established several years ago and must be updated to continue to provide meaningful support to California's medically needy individuals.

For the reasons noted above, CHA and its more than 400 member hospitals and health systems request an "AYE" vote on AB 2077.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Farouk", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Farouk
Legislative Advocate

cc: The Honorable Lisa Calderon
The Honorable Members of Senate Appropriations Committee
Agnes Lee, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee
Heather Wood, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus