



July 12, 2022

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

SUBJECT: AB 2242 (Santiago) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino:

Every day, hospitals across California care for an increasing number of individuals placed on involuntary psychiatric holds under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, and hospitals embrace the essential role they play in helping address these crises. AB 2242 would enhance accountability, data reporting, and continuity of care for individuals involuntarily detained because they may, due to a mental disorder, be gravely disabled or a danger to themselves or others.

In addition, it would require coordination of care efforts to be undertaken by providers and health care payers for people being released from a temporary hold or conservatorship under the LPS Act. The bill would also require a model care coordination plan to be developed by the Department of Health Care Services with input from stakeholders.

The California Hospital Association would like to thank the author's office for working with us on several issues, both technical and substantive, that enabled us to remove our opposition and move to support AB 2242.

We urge you to support AB 2242 when it comes before your committee. If you have questions, please contact me at Leah@LeahBarros.com or (916) 521-6878.

Sincerely,

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

Leah Barros
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cc: The Honorable Miguel Santiago
The Honorable Members of Senate Appropriations Committee
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