



April 19, 2023

The Honorable Jim Wood, DDS
Chair, Assembly Health Committee
1020 N St., Room 390
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1481 (Boerner Horvath) — Support

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

California's hospitals are dedicated to providing the best care to pregnant people and their babies. They know that access to preventive, person-centered care is essential to the safe delivery of babies. While Medi-Cal provides broad access to the full range of medically necessary care for pregnant persons, gaps in existing law could cause conditions to go untreated, affecting pregnant people and their babies' health.

That's why the California Hospital Association, on behalf of its more than 400 hospital and health system members, supports Assembly Bill (AB) 1481, which would close the gaps in existing Medi-Cal coverage for presumptively eligible pregnant people.

Currently, Medi-Cal presumptive eligibility for pregnant people only guarantees access to pregnancy-related services and prescriptions. AB 1481 would ensure that beneficiaries have access to the full range of health care services and prescriptions. It would also protect the continuity of care by preventing gaps in coverage while a beneficiary who is enrolled through presumptive eligibility awaits their full eligibility determination and enrollment into the standard Medi-Cal program.

For these reasons, we enthusiastically urge your "AYE" vote on AB 1481.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

Mark Farouk,
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: The Honorable Tasha Boerner Horvath
The Honorable Members of the Assembly Health Committee
Lisa Murawski, Principal Consultant, Assembly Health Committee
Gino Folchi, Policy Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus