



March 22, 2024

The Honorable Mia Bonta
Chair, Assembly Health Committee
1020 N St., Room 390
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 3221 (Pellerin) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Bonta:

California's hospitals see firsthand the devastating impact on patient care of harmful practices by health plans. Access to timely and vital health care services is too often limited by excessive prior authorization requirements, inadequate provider networks, and improperly denied or delayed reimbursement for care provided.

On behalf of more than 400 hospitals and health systems, the California Hospital Association (CHA) is writing to express support for Assembly Bill (AB) 3221, which would require the records, books, and papers of a health plan and other specified entities to be open to inspection by the director of the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC), including through electronic means.

CHA has previously expressed concerns about health plan practices that are detrimental to patients and has advocated for increased vigilance and oversight by DMHC and other regulatory agencies. We appreciate this opportunity to support reasonable, practicable changes that will support this oversight process, as it is an important step toward protecting the rights of Californians to receive medical care appropriate to their needs.

For these reasons, CHA requests your "AYE" vote on AB 3221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rony Berdugo".

Rony Berdugo
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: The Honorable Gail Pellerin
The Honorable Members of the Assembly Health Committee
Kristene Mapile, Consultant Assembly Health Committee
Justin Boman, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus