



California Health Benefit Exchange

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The Honorable Mike Feuer
Member, California State Assembly
ATTN: Rebecca Marcus, Chief of Staff
State Capitol, Room 2013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 52

Dear Assembly Member Feuer:

At the July 22 meeting of the California Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange), the Board discussed and took positions on several pieces of pending legislation affecting the Exchange including Assembly Bill (AB) 52.

By a 3-0 vote, the Board directed Exchange staff to work with your office to exempt the Exchange from the provisions of AB 52. Because the Exchange will be a large state purchaser with the ability to negotiate rates, the Board believes it is appropriate to provide the same exemption to the Exchange that is provided to the Department of the Health Care Services and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.

Please note that Diana Dooley, Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency and Chair of the Exchange Board, abstained from all votes because the Administration has not yet taken positions on pending legislation. Board member Dr. Robert Ross had a previously scheduled engagement and was unable to attend the meeting.

I am available to work with your and your staff. Please feel free to contact me directly at (916) 651-8062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patricia Powers'.

Patricia Powers
Acting Administrative Officer of the Exchange

cc: Chair and Members, California Health Benefit Exchange Board
Agnes Lee, Office of Speaker of the Assembly John Pérez