



California Health Benefit Exchange

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July 26, 2011

The Honorable Susan Bonilla
Member, California State Assembly
ATTN: Mariana Corona, Legislative Aide
State Capitol, Room 2188
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 792

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

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) 792.

By a 3-0 vote, the Board took the position that it is premature to specify the details of consumer notification regarding the Exchange. The Board appreciates the intent of AB 792 and shares your goal that potentially-eligible Exchange consumers receive proper notification about the availability of coverage through the Exchange and if appropriate are pre-enrolled. Exchange staff are working with state agencies and stakeholder partners to address eligibility, enrollment, and retention strategies related to consumer notification.

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.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 651-8062 if you have any questions about our position.

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
Anthony Wright, Executive Director, Health Access