

May 13, 2019

Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2019
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Medi-Cal Expansion to Undocumented Young Adults – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assemblymember Pan:

The County of Monterey strongly supports the Governor's January Budget proposal to expand Medi-Cal to Undocumented Young Adults.

The budget proposes \$260 million (\$194 million state general fund (GF)) to cover an estimated 138,000 undocumented young adults (up to age 26) who would otherwise be eligible for Medi-Cal except for their immigration status. Currently, undocumented adults are limited to Medi-Cal coverage for emergency and pregnancy-related services. This proposal builds on California's 2016 Medi-Cal expansion covering low-income children regardless of immigration status and would make California the first state in the nation to adopt such a policy.

Monterey County is home to the largest share of undocumented immigrants, many of whom are youth. The Board of Supervisors supports all efforts to ensure that undocumented immigrants have access to consistent health care services.

For these reasons, we support this budget proposal. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy advisors, Jennifer Capitolo and Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

John M. Phillips
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Bill Monning
Senator Anna Caballero
Assemblymember Mark Stone
Assemblymember Robert Rivas
California State Association of Counties