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**RE: 2016 CCI Program Proposals**

*Via electronic mail*

Dear Ms. Brooks:

On behalf of the Local Health Plans of California (LHPC), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the changes recently proposed by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to strengthen the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and ensure sustainable enrollment in Cal MediConnect (CMC). LHPC represents all 16 of the public, non-profit, community-based local health plans in California, including six of the participating CMC plans. Collectively, LHPC's member plans serve 7.2 million (or 70 percent) of the 10.3 million Californians in the Medi-Cal managed care program.

LHPC strongly supports the CCI and CMC, which, taken together, represent a critical step in replacing the fragmented medical and long-term care delivery system with high-quality, integrated care. As noted in the Governor's 2016-2017 Budget, however, CMC enrollment must increase, and the proposed streamlined and passive enrollment improvements will help to increase participation in the program, allowing it to maintain its viability and sustainability. While we support the proposed enrollment improvements, we ask for local flexibility in implementation to reflect the actions a number of the CMC plans have already taken to outreach to members currently enrolled for Medi-Cal. This should reduce the potential for member confusion regarding the enrollment process changes as well as ensure plans can successfully transition additional CMC enrollees.

We appreciate the Department's support for CMC and willingness to make key changes to improve the program's viability. We remain committed to CMC's continued success and the overarching delivery system and financing changes

that provide the framework for the entire CCI. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (916) 448-8292 or via e-mail at [cdavis@lhpc.org](mailto:cdavis@lhpc.org).

Sincerely,



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