



1615 Capitol Ave., Suite 73.771
P.O. Box 997377, MS 7003
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

PHONE: 916.440.7594
FAX: 916.440.7595
<http://www.cclho.org>

Leah Northrop, MPA, MAIS
Executive Administrator
Leah.Northrop@cdph.ca.gov

May 5, 2016

Officers

Janet Berreman, MD, MPH
President
City of Berkeley

Kenneth Cutler, MD, MPH
President-Elect
Nevada County

Bela Matyas, MD, MPH
Treasurer
Solano County

Olivia Kasirye, MD, MSc
Secretary
Sacramento County

Karen Milman, MD, MPH
Legislative Coordinator
Sonoma County

Matthew Willis, MD, MPH
Regulations Coordinator
Marin County

Muntu Davis, MD, MPH
Past President
Alameda County

Directors-at-Large

Constance J. Caldwell, MD, MS
Mendocino County

Lou Anne Cummings, MD, MPH
Sutter County

Jeffrey D. Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH
Los Angeles County

Cameron Kaiser, MD
Riverside County

Mark Lundberg, MD, MPH
Butte County

Edward Moreno, MD, MPH
Monterey County

Maxwell Ohikhuare, MD
San Bernardino County

Karen I. Relucio, MD
Napa County

Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH, Director and State Public Health Officer
California Department of Public Health
1615 Capitol Avenue, Suite 73.720
PO Box 997377, MS 0500
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

RE: AB 1763 (Gipson): Health Care Coverage: Colorectal Cancer – Support

Dear Dr. Smith:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Semiannual Business meeting on April 13, 2016 to take a Support recommendation on AB 1763 (Gipson), a bill that would require all health plans, except specialized health service plan contracts, to provide coverage for all colorectal cancer screening examinations and laboratory tests assigned a grade of either A or B by the US Preventive Services Task Force.

CCLHO supports the intent of AB 1763 to expand access to preventive screening for colorectal cancer by removing the cost sharing for specific services for persons at high risk for colorectal cancer. CCLHO recommends further strengthening the bill language by modifying Sections 1367.667(b)(2)(D) and 10123.205(b)(2)(D) to specify “obesity and other evidence-based, predisposing factors” and removing the specification for persons aged 50 and over, as this language internally conflicts with the high risk description.

As you are aware, CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now the California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, and commissions, as well as officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California’s 61 city and county jurisdictions.

This position of support for AB 1763 is consistent with CCLHO’s strategic priority of providing scientific expertise on public health matters. CCLHO’s support position is further consistent with the strategic priority to promote and protect health and well-being through a focus on targeted outcomes for all people.

If you have any questions, please contact me at iberreman@ci.berkeley.ca.us or at 510-981-5301. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Dr. Janet Berreman

Janet Berreman, MD, MPH
President, California Conference of Local Health Officers