To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1175 without my signature.

This bill would require Medi-Cal managed care health plans (MCPs) and county mental health plans (MHPs) to exchange specific data, on a monthly basis, in order to identify individuals receiving specialty mental health services. The data would be shared pursuant to guidance from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

I support the author’s goal of improving care coordination for consumers who receive treatment from multiple delivery systems. As such, I am directing DHCS to exercise its administrative authority over MCPs and MHPs and identify and implement the most efficient and effective method for ensuring these entities coordinate care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries receiving these critically important services.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom