



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 914 without my signature.

This bill would, commencing October 1, 2020, require an indefinite suspension of Medi-Cal benefits for incarcerated individuals under 26 years of age to either end on the date of release from incarceration or when the individuals are no longer otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal benefits, whichever is sooner.

The bill has different age thresholds for indefinite suspension of benefits from those in federal law, resulting in violation of federal comparability requirements that would result in significant General Fund costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom