



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2387 without my signature.

This bill would authorize counties to perform the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) reassessment using telehealth, including video conference or telephone, subject to continuing federal approval, if certain conditions are met.

The California Department of Social Services has permitted counties and other entities to use video conference or telephone to perform duties that would otherwise be done in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill would extend flexibilities that were made in response to a public health emergency.

It is premature to make statutory changes to these policies until the Department has had the opportunity to assess their impact on consumers and alignment with overall program goals and processes. Moreover, although this bill may provide counties greater case management flexibility, it may also impede social workers' ability to directly and accurately assess IHSS recipients' abilities, limitations, living conditions, health and safety.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

