



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 2242, which would require that individuals who have been detained for mental health evaluation and treatment and who are not referred for further voluntary care and treatment receive, upon their release, a care coordination plan, which facilities would be required to develop immediately; and require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to convene a stakeholder workgroup to develop a model care coordination plan, which facilities would be required to adopt by August 2024.

Improved coordination of care is a top priority for my administration, and I am appreciative of our partnership with the Legislature this year to pass CARE Court. This bill will benefit a similar population – those with complex behavioral health needs – by ensuring that they are appropriately transitioned to voluntary community-based care and treatment settings after a conservatorship placement. I also agree that the specific care coordination supports outlined in this bill should be provided without delay. This is an important first step towards improving and strengthening resources provided through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and I look forward to working with the author and stakeholders on further reform efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

