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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1202 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to prepare a public report including information on each Medi-Cal managed care plan's network adequacy of pediatric primary care, data on beneficiaries, and reporting on DHCS' efforts to improve access.

I am a proponent of transparency; however, this bill's data collection and reporting requirements are largely duplicative of existing efforts. DHCS currently publicly reports on managed care and fee for service adequacy. Each year, DHCS also publishes a Health Disparities Report. Further, DHCS is currently developing the CalAIM dashboard, which will include additional data that aligns with what this bill calls for. The existing data that is available should be evaluated and leveraged before adding new administrative requirements.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom