



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1478 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to develop, maintain, and update annually on its website a referral network database of community based mental health providers and support services addressing postpartum depression and prenatal care.

While I support this bill's intent to increase awareness of mental health and support services for postpartum depression and prenatal care, it is duplicative of existing programs and resources. Last year, I vetoed a similar version of this bill. I do not believe creating another website is necessary.

State programs such as the Adolescent Family Life Program, Black Infant Health Program, California Home Visiting Program, Perinatal Equity Initiative, and the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program work to ensure pregnant and postpartum individuals are assessed, informed, linked, and referred to appropriate health and social services, including mental health. Additional resources can be found on health plan and Medi-Cal insurance websites, county and local health jurisdiction websites, as well as through CalHOPE, which is administered by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom