



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2250 without my signature.

This bill would require commercial health plans and Medi-Cal to provide coverage for social determinants of health screenings, and to provide physicians with adequate access to community health workers that may perform these screenings.

My Administration has made significant investments in policies that contemplate and improve social determinants of health, such as housing, social services, community engagement, economic development, and public education. While I support the goal of this proposal, it is duplicative of existing efforts at the state and federal level, including the work the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is doing through CalAIM and the newly created federal billing code for social determinants of health risk assessments, which DHCS is currently considering. Further, this bill lacks clarity regarding "adequate access" to community health workers, which would be difficult to operationalize.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom

