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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3156 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to ensure that providers do not face administrative requirements that significantly exceed Medi-Cal fee-for-service system requirements when billing for services provided to Medi-Cal managed care plan enrollees who have other health care coverage and for whom Medi-Cal is the payer of last resort.

I am supportive of policies that allow Medi-Cal members with other health coverage to continue to see their providers. However, the timelines specified in this bill are not feasible. DHCS has worked extensively to educate Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) on enrollee rights and how providers who are not enrolled in Medi-Cal can still bill Medi-Cal for appropriate services. DHCS will continue to work with MCPs, stakeholders, and patient advocates to address administrative barriers to ensure continuity of care for Medi-Cal enrollees.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

