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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3245 without my signature.

This bill would expand existing law, which requires health plans to provide coverage for colorectal cancer screenings and subsequent colonoscopies assigned a grade A or B by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) without any cost sharing, to also require coverage for equivalent standards and recommendations established by another accredited or certified guideline agency approved by the California Health and Human Services Agency.

I strongly support access to preventive health care, including colon cancer screenings and colonoscopies. However, existing law that requires coverage for these services without cost sharing is sufficient. Going beyond the USPSTF standard to include guidelines from other organizations and "equivalent" ratings is vague and would be difficult to implement.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom