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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

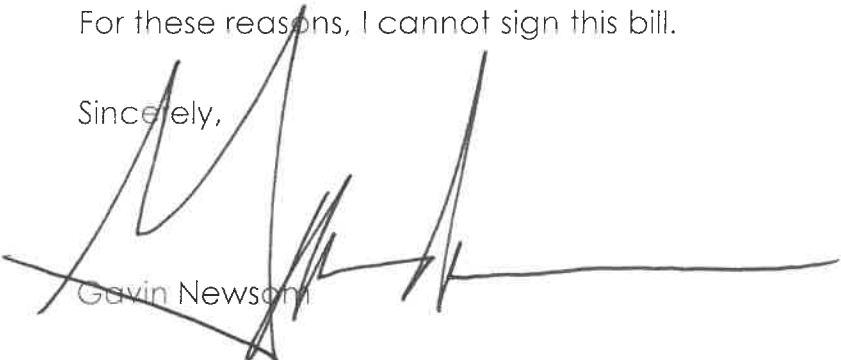
I am returning Assembly Bill 2565 without my signature.

AB 2565 would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to issue guidance clarifying Medi-Cal managed care plan (MCP) obligations to cover pharmacist services and would require DHCS to take corrective action in instances of noncompliance.

While I support the author's goal of ensuring our Medi-Cal MCPs receive appropriate guidance and enforcement actions from DHCS when reimbursing providers for pharmacist services, guidance is already underway to address the concerns driving this legislation, making this bill unnecessary. Initial guidance was published in September 2025, and a comprehensive all-plan letter to further clarify MCP pharmacist-services responsibilities will be released in the coming months. These efforts are part of DHCS's existing responsibilities and processes, which do not require additional statutory direction.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom