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SENATE FLOOR ALERT
AB 415 (Logue) – File #113

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TO: Members of the California State Senate

RE: AB 415 (Logue), as amended August 15, 2011
Position: SUPPORT

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support AB 415. This bill would remove barriers in current law and update to current practice the use of telehealth in the delivery of health care.

The University operates academic medical centers at the Davis, Los Angeles, Irvine, San Diego, and San Francisco campuses – as well as trains health professionals in the nation’s largest health sciences and medical training program through schools/programs on seven UC campuses. UC has long been a leader in telehealth and telemedicine, with clinical faculty across the system having provided thousands of telehealth consultations to date. We believe that by implementing several recommendations from the Center for Connected Health Policy’s Telehealth Model Statute Report, that AB 415 will advance the state’s interest in expanding telehealth access for the benefit of all Californians.

Building upon national and state initiatives in telehealth, broadband access and health information exchange, UC is leveraging its leadership to extend the reach of UC health care expertise.

The University recognizes and appreciates Assembly Member Logue’s leadership in this important area. The measures proposed by this legislation are important to advance a policy environment consistent with California’s commitment to deploy broadband technology to improve healthcare access and quality. Should you have any questions concerning the University’s position on this bill, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Gilliard at (916) 445-9924.

UC urges a “AYE” vote on AB 415