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Assembly Member Rob Bonta
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Rm. 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 187 (Bonta), as amended May 28, 2015
Pending referral in the Senate
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Bonta,

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support AB 187, which would postpone until January 1, 2017, the incorporation of Medi-Cal's California Children's Services (CCS) covered services into a Medi-Cal managed care contract.

UC operates five academic medical centers located at the Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco campuses that include nationally recognized pediatric. Children who require tertiary and quaternary care are often admitted to one of UC's pediatric critical care facilities for extra support and specialized care.

The CCS Program is the only remaining Fee-for-Service (CCS-FFS) health program left in the State of California because, in 1993, the Legislature recognized the need to protect the program from the shift to Medi-Cal managed care until an alternative delivery structure could be developed. The CCS carve-out is scheduled to expire at the end of 2015. This bill proposes to continue the CCS-FFS carve out from entering into a Medi-Cal managed care contract until January 1, 2017.

CCS patients are fragile and vulnerable – they should be cared for by pediatric providers who work together for the benefit of the patient and family. The current CCS carve-out should be maintained until the state can ensure that a viable alternative delivery system can be implemented that retains standards to ensure pediatric expertise, preserve access to high quality providers, and ensure that families are involved in decisions around the medical care provided to their children.

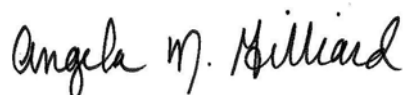
The State Department of Healthcare Services has a stakeholder workgroup comprised of providers, hospitals, and families to determine an alternate approach to the CCS-FFS system of

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care tailored to the needs of children with complex medical needs. AB 187 will allow the State and stakeholders the opportunity to continue to develop an alternative approach to CCS-FFS that is a thoughtful, patient-centered, provider-driven approach.

We appreciate your leadership on this important measure. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-9924, if you have any questions or need assistance from the University on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. Gilliard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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