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SENATE FLOOR ALERT
SB 586 (Hernandez) – Senate Third Reading – File #130

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TO: Members of the California State Senate

Re: SB 586 (Hernandez), as Amended on April 28, 2015
Position: SUPPORT

The University of California (UC) is very pleased to support SB 586 (Hernandez), which proposes to establish the “Kids Integrated Delivery System (KIDS)” by authorizing the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to contract with a California Children’s Services (CCS) tertiary hospital network to coordinate and manage the provision of Medi-Cal and CCS services for eligible children.

The CCS Program is the only remaining Fee-for-Service 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 an alternative that would authorize DHCS to contract with the regional system of care comprised of CCS hospitals, doctors, and special care centers benefiting not only those children who receive services through CCS. The provision of services would be available on a county or regional basis, consistent with managed care principles, techniques, and practices, to ensure access to cost-effective, quality care for enrolled children.

SB 586 retains CCS standards to ensure pediatric expertise, preserves access to high quality providers, and ensures that families are involved in decisions around the medical care provided to their children. Hospitals that provide tertiary care such as the UC and Children’s Hospitals are the providers that form the regional backbone for all pediatric specialty care in California – both privately insured children and those receiving government-subsidized care.

UC owns and operates five academic medical centers located at the Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco campuses. Within these the UC medical centers are top ranked pediatric hospitals providing tertiary and quaternary services to children. Patients who require tertiary and quaternary care are often admitted to Critical Care for extra support and specialized care. UC Children’s hospitals are ranked among the top pediatric hospitals in the US and are recognized for a variety of specialty services provided.

SB 586 is a thoughtful, provider-driven, patient-centered approach that gives CCS providers the ability to create a delivery system tailored to the needs of children with complex medical needs. CCS patients are fragile and vulnerable – they should be cared for by pediatric providers who work together for the good of the patient and family.

Please do not hesitate to contact Angela M. Gilliard, JD, Legislative Director at (916) 445-9924.

UC urges an “AYE” vote on SB 586 (Hernandez)