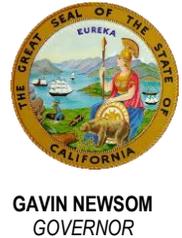




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RE: INVITATION TO LEGAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Executive Directors and Others:

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has a long history of collaboration with its program advocates, stakeholders, and the people we serve. Millions of Californians every year are touched by the programs we oversee or operate. Out of the imperative to make fully informed decisions, DHCS has created an inclusive culture of regularly soliciting input from numerous perspectives, both formally and informally. For this purpose, DHCS convenes regular stakeholder meetings, engages in informal reviews of all-county letters and similar instructions or communications, and formally promulgates regulations under California's Administrative Procedures Act or other applicable state laws.

Since at least 1998, California's Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded programs always have been, and continue to be, invited to participate in these DHCS-organized engagements. The LSC-funded programs are a valued partner in the appropriate and responsible delivery of services to beneficiaries of the programs and services overseen or operated by DHCS. On behalf of DHCS, I appreciate and continue to invite their participation in these various efforts as they occur. Also, I continue to invite their input directly to me, and any DHCS employee or contractor outside of these efforts in written or oral formats on any topic related to DHCS' programs and services and whenever else deemed appropriate. Nothing in this letter should be construed to

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exclude other entities from engaging in DHCS stakeholder meetings or otherwise providing input on DHCS programs and services.

For any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 440-7400.

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