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RE: AB 2132 – Health care services (Support)

To Dr Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to express our recommendation to **Support AB 2132**. On June 6, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the support recommendation.

In California, tuberculosis (TB) rates are nearly double the national rate. TB continues to be a significant public health concern. In 2022 86% of TB cases in California attributed to progression of LTBI to Active TB. AB 2132 would require an adult patient receiving primary a patient who is 18 years of age or older receiving health care services in a facility, clinic, unlicensed clinic, center, office, or other setting, as specified, to be offered a TB risk assessment and TB screening test, if TB risk factors are identified, to the extent these services are covered under the patient's health insurance, unless the health care provider reasonably believes certain conditions apply. except as specified. The bill would also require the health care provider or health care entity to offer the patient follow up health care or refer the patient to a health care provider who can provide follow up health care if a screening test is positive, as specified. positive. tickets for live musical or other performances in cannabis consumption areas.

CCLHO supports this bill for the following reasons –

- High TB prevalence in California/estimated 6% have LTBI; may not be aware.
- Increasing testing for LTBI and treatment for active TB.
- Consistent with U.S. Preventive Taskforce recommendations.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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