



September 20, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 570 (Santiago) Dependent parent health care coverage – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP), I respectfully request your signature on AB 570 (Santiago), which will help reduce the cost of family health coverage by allowing adult children to add their dependent parents to their health insurance policies, just as dependent children can currently be added to their parent's health coverage.

AB 570 will require an individual health care service plan (health plan) contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2023, that provides dependent coverage to make dependent coverage available to a parent or stepparent who meets the definition of a qualifying relative under specified federal law and who lives or resides within the health plan or insurer's service area.

By creating this option to add dependent adult coverage to a policy offering dependent coverage, AB 570, the Parent Healthcare Act, will enable a family to utilize a family deductible and cap their maximum out-of-pocket costs, which will reduce overall health care costs for working families.

With many older adults facing high health risks due to the pandemic, this bill could reduce health insurance costs for thousands of California families by expanding health coverage. This includes so-called "mixed status" immigrant families with younger working adults who are caring for older undocumented family members.

For these reasons, the California State Association of Psychiatrists is pleased to support AB 570 (Santiago) and respectfully requests your signature on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul J. Yoder', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul J. Yoder
Legislative Advocate

CC: Assemblymember Miguel Santiago