



April 7, 2023

The Honorable Jim Wood
Chairman, Assembly Health Committee
1020 N Street, 390 LOB
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 564 (Villapudua) Medi-Cal enrollment – Support

Dear Chairman Wood,

On behalf of the California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP), I write to you in support of AB 564, which would ensure healthcare providers can focus on providing healthcare services rather than spending their time doing costly and antiquated paperwork.

Currently, when health centers and other providers transition to new electronic health record systems Medi-Cal requires a 'wet' signature on two provider enrollment forms. A claim enrollment form must be completed on paper and physically signed in blue ink by the health center and clearinghouse that processes their claims. A remit enrollment form only requires provider signatures, but they are still paper based and require a 'wet' signature.

These requirements are time-consuming and involve costly shipping and staff coordination. These burdens fall heaviest on providers in underserved communities, waste scarce agency staff time and public resources, and contribute to a carbon footprint. To alleviate these problems, AB 564 will direct the Department of Health Care Services to initiate rulemaking authorizing the use of e-Signatures for provider enrollment forms.

For these reasons, CSAP is pleased to support AB 564.

Sincerely,

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

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

CC: Members, Assembly Health Committee
Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua