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The Honorable Stephanie Nguyen
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 346 (Nguyen). In-home supportive services: licensed health care professional certification. – Support

Dear Assembly Member Nguyen:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I write to support your AB 346, which streamlines the process for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) clients to receive paramedical services.

California's population of adults aged 65 and older is projected to reach 25 percent of the population, or 8.6 million Californians, by 2030. IHSS is an important program in meeting the goals set out in the Master Plan for Aging to enable this growing population to age with dignity and independence. Currently, nearly 730,000 IHSS providers deliver services to over 800,000 recipients in the state. This includes paramedical services such as the administration of medications, wound care, or injections, among others.

While the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) allows any licensed healthcare professional to sign off on the initial SOC 873 healthcare certification form required for a client to obtain IHSS, the department only allows limited types of healthcare professionals to sign the additional SOC 321 form required to authorize paramedical services. Specifically, only physicians, surgeons, podiatrists and dentists are authorized to sign this additional form.

The current requirements for authorizations of both the health care certification and paramedical forms can prevent timely delivery of services essential for the client's health. Counties cannot allow paramedical services without the second form, which can lead to significant delays for a client obtaining paramedical services from their IHSS provider. This delay can be exacerbated by overwhelmed healthcare systems.

AB 346 allows the same licensed health care professionals who currently sign the IHSS health care certification form to also sign the paramedical form. This bill would also allow nurses and nurse practitioners working at the direction of the licensed health care practitioner to complete the forms. Aligning which licensed health care professionals may sign the paramedical and health care certification forms will reduce administrative barriers. By broadening the types of health care providers who are authorized to sign these forms, IHSS clients can have both forms signed at the

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same time by the same provider, thereby reducing delays, improving health outcomes and better fulfilling the goals of the IHSS program.

For these reasons, Sacramento County supports this measure. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sacramento County Delegation
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