



Alameda County Board of Supervisors
Personnel, Administration, and Legislation (PAL) Committee
LEGISLATIVE POSITION REQUEST FORM

Submission deadline is noon on the Monday two weeks prior to the PAL meeting.
 See FAQ for additional instructions.

Title (Bill/Reg. No., Bill/Reg. Title, Author):		S.3050 (Markey) The Equity in Pretrial Health Coverage Act	
Version (Date amended):		10/21/21	
Position Requested:		Support	
Current Status of Bill/Regulation (Has the bill been referred to committee, or set for hearing? If so, when and what committee? Next hearing?) (Where relevant include comment period dates/deadlines):		10/21/22 Referred to the Committee on Finance	
Alignment with Vision 2026:	Shared Visions		10X Goals
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thriving & Resilient Population <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe & Livable Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Prosperous & Vibrant Economy		<input type="checkbox"/> Employment for All <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate Poverty and Hunger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crime Free County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthcare for All <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Infrastructure
		Operating Principles	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Stewardship <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access	
Alignment with Legislative Platform (i.e. "issue"/plank or N/A if not in legislative platform)		Behavioral Health Services: Improve access to, and funding for, mental health and substance use services for all populations. Crime Free County: Increase funding for, and access to, mental health and substance use disorder treatment services, in and out of incarceration.	
Summary (Summary of item, use Legislative Counsel's Digest, Bill Analysis, or Bill Summary):			
This bill allows an otherwise eligible individual who is in custody pending disposition of charges (i.e., pretrial detainees) to receive health care benefits through Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Department of Veterans Affairs. In November 2022, Alameda County signed on to a National Association of Counties (NACo) advocacy letter related to federal behavioral health issues that included action on these bills in the recommendations to improve counties' ability to provide adequate behavioral health services to incarcerated individuals through reforming the federal Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP).			
Background of Bill:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New bill <input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Gut and Amend <input type="checkbox"/> Similar to other current bills we have positions on		<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Introduced <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-Up Bill <input type="checkbox"/> Urgency Clause	
Seeking Amendments?		No	
Previous Legislation:			
If YES, attach amendments.			
Do all other impacted agencies/departments concur?		Yes	
If YES, list each department and contact person. If NO, see FAQ.			
Andrea Ford, Agency Director, Alameda County Social Services Agency			
Potential State/Federal Fiscal Impacts (include \$ estimate):		Unknown	
Potential Net County Cost Impacts (include \$ estimate):		Unknown	
Fiscal Impact:			



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<input type="checkbox"/> Adds revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfunded mandate
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost savings	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional costs
<input type="checkbox"/> New/increased fees to offset costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces or reduces fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Includes appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor impact – program absorption
<input type="checkbox"/> Redirects resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None of the above
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes fines/penalties	

Potential Impacts to County Residents (Include specific data):

The recommendations proposed by NACo would ensure resources are better directed to community-based treatment and services, help us better serve our residents with behavioral health conditions, and reduce reliance on the criminal legal system and direct valuable resources towards improving stability and health. Behavioral health issues and substance use disorders impact individuals and communities across Alameda County. Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) served 19,210 Individuals in Outpatient Mental Health Programs and 5,837 Individuals in Substance Use Programs in FY 21-22. People diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness make up over 20% of the incarcerated population and the county spends an increasing amount of its resources to improve jail-based mental health services. The current Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) can lead to a gap in coverage for individuals covered by federal health programs awaiting trial. Individuals who lack resources to post bail can be disproportionately impacted.

Potential Impacts to County Programs, Services, Operations or Departments (Be specific):

Counties are integral to the nation’s behavioral health system. Counties plan and operate community-based services for individuals with mental illnesses and substance use conditions. Counties help finance and administer Medicaid services, the largest source of funding for behavioral health services in the United States. The current Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy shifts the cost of medical treatment for pretrial detainees to local city, county, and state agencies. Repeal of the MIEP would reduce costs and barriers to the provisions of substance use and behavioral health treatment to jail involved individuals.

Reporting Requirements:

<input type="checkbox"/> Requires one-time report/study	<input type="checkbox"/> Requires new reporting form(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Requires annual report	<input type="checkbox"/> Requires amended reporting form(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No reporting requirement	

List Known Supporters: National Association of Counties

List Known Opposition: Unknown

Requestor (who is asking for the County to take a position? e.g., agency/dept., association, organization)

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

Approved by Department Head (Name/Date): Colleen Chawla, Agency Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency – 12/7/22

Submitter (Name, Title, Dept.): Eileen Ng, Policy Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

Submission Date: 12/8/22

CAO Analyst: Peilin Chen & Razilee Tadeo

Additional Comments:

For Internal CAO Use Only:			
Date Received:		Date to Analyst:	
Target PAL date:		CAO recommendation:	