Reforming the Delivery of Medical, Behavioral, and Long Term Services for People with Disabilities and the Elderly

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I. About the Congress of California Seniors

II. Governor Brown’s Proposal to Reform Services
   a. Scale of the Project
   b. Scope of Project
   c. Timeline of the Project

III. Opportunities
   a. Integrating LTSS Which Are Fragmented and Not Consumer Friendly
   b. Creating Incentives to Encourage Rebalancing of Spending
   c. Creating a Service System That Is Client Centered, Built on Assessment, and Offers Coordinated Care
   d. Recognizing Behavioral Health Services Critical for This Population
e. Restoring Ancillary Services Such As Dental, Vision, Podiatry

f. Creating Cost Savings

IV. Cautions

a. State and Federal Governments Are Seeking Savings; Funding Must Be Adequate

b. Redirecting Resources Should Allow Reinvestment of Savings in Better Services

c. Managed Care Rate Setting Must Be More Transparent

d. Possible System Overload
   i. ACA Expansion of Medi-Cal to Childless Adults
   ii. Realignment of Homecare (IHSS) and Collective Bargaining Issues
iii. Merging Three Payment Systems and Reporting Mechanisms: Medicare, Medi-Cal, and HCBS

e. Trying to Blend Two Very Different Cultures of Care

V. Considerations for Alameda County

a. Need for Stakeholder Involvement in Design, Program Implementation, and On-going (Including Seniors, Disabled, LTSS Providers, Medical Providers, Insurers)

b. Close Oversight and Engagement of Elected Officials

c. Recognize the Importance of Family Caregivers, Community Supports, Faith-Based Community

d. Do It Right, Not Just Fast