

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attn: Legislative Affairs; REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE
FAX TO: (916) 445-4633

Re: Senate Bill 1283 (Steinberg)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 1283, which will expedite the resolution of appeals and grievances that are filed by consumers with the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC.)

The introduction of this bill was prompted by the complaints from consumers, families, and advocates who noted that the resolution of numerous grievances (especially related to Autism) are delayed for many months. These delays have postponed the onset of important treatments and have also imposed significant hardships upon California's families.

SB 1283 provides the means by the DMHC can more effectively work with consumers and the health plans in order to complete the grievance appeals process in a timely fashion.

I hope that you will sign this important legislation into law.

Sincerely,