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January 18, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

We are writing to respectfully urge you to support AB 1795 by Assembly Member Mike Gipson, which would allow local Emergency Medical Services agencies to submit a plan to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority to allow for the transport of patients to a community care facility based on a determination that there is no need for emergency medical treatment. This important bill is sponsored by Los Angeles County and co-sponsored by the California Hospital Association.

Current law requires paramedics responding to emergency 911 calls to transport all patients who show signs of a non-emergent mental health condition and/or inebriation to an acute care emergency department (ED), even though there might be more appropriate levels of care. While mental health urgent care and sobering centers can accept walk-ins and referrals made from law enforcement, hospitals, and other health care providers, paramedic ambulances are not allowed to transport patients to these alternative community care facilities.

This measure would help reduce the transport of patients who could be better served in a community care facility to EDs, which often results in overcrowding and strains on medical staff and financial resources, and may prevent EDs from treating patients in critical need in a timely manner or at the appropriate level of care. Mental health urgent care and sobering centers can offer inebriated patients or those experiencing a non-emergent mental health condition with more timely access to specialized care, and to connect them with supportive services.

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We respectfully urge you to sign AB 1795 measure when it reaches your desk. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

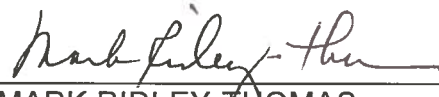
Sincerely,



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