



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 26, 2022

The Honorable Joaquin Arambula
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 6240
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1995 (Arambula)—Medi-Cal: premiums, contributions, and copayments

Dear Assemblymember Arambula,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support AB 1995. This measure would eliminate the Medi-Cal premiums and subscriber contributions for several population groups in need of assistance.

The City supports the proposed legislation's efforts to expand access to medical coverage and insurance, by repealing premiums for low-income Medi-Cal programs and copayments. Unfortunately, the current income levels for premiums and copays force many individuals to choose between healthcare and paying for rent, food, or other necessities. The City works with many community members who have become ineligible for Medi-Cal benefits when they get a minor cost-of-living adjustment increase in their income or Social Security checks, causing them to lose access to critical health resources.

AB 1995 aims to address this equity in Medi-Cal access by increasing the income threshold for individuals to utilize these vital benefits. Assuring Medi-Cal coverage for individuals advances the City's goal to provide affordable healthcare to all.

For these reasons, the City supports AB 1995.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District