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Honorable Ellen Corbett
Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review - Subcommittee #3
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Department of Developmental Services - Governor's 2014-15 Proposed Budget

Dear Senator Corbett:

Please see the attached Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Position Statement on the Governor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15. ARCA submitted a similar position statement on March 12, but has made modifications subsequent to discussion at its recent Board of Directors meeting on March 21, 2014. The Board wanted to ensure financial barriers associated with the use of health insurance do not interfere with access to needed supports, particularly for those services that were once paid for by regional centers at no expense to individuals or their families. Specifically, ARCA now proposes regional centers be required to fund copayments and coinsurance for services included in the Individual Program Plan (IPP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) regardless of family income and be permitted to fund deductibles for services included in the IPP or IFSP in cases of extreme hardship. This proposal puts services within reach and promises ongoing cost savings to the state as health plans increasingly pay expenses once fully funded by regional centers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Governor's Proposed Budget and for the ability to further refine our position on this essential issue.

Sincerely,

/s/

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