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What Are People Saying

\$15 million

Asthma Mitigation Project

“With quality clinical management and environmental trigger remediation, asthma can be controlled. No one should end up in the emergency room or hospital due to asthma. Fortunately, with this new support from the state, people with poorly controlled asthma who are covered by Medi-Cal will soon have access to help right in their homes. Asthma home visiting programs are proven to improve health outcomes and reduce health care costs.”
Anne Kelsey Lamb, MPH, Director, Regional Asthma Management and Prevention

“Access to preventative asthma care is an issue of equity. In Medi-Cal the vast majority of beneficiaries are communities of color and also tend to have the poorest controlled asthma as compared to other populations. CPEHN applauds the leadership of the State Legislature and Governor Newsom in dedicating \$15 million toward crucial in-home visitation services to help historically underserved communities mitigate asthma symptoms in their homes and stay out of the emergency room.” –Linda Tenerowicz, Policy Advocate

“Asthma is the most common chronic disease afflicting kids, affecting roughly 1.2 million of California’s children. Asthma is a leading factor for children missing school or daycare, and when it is not managed effectively, kids can end up in the emergency room, which is both costly and avoidable. Almost 90% of all pediatric asthma emergency department visits were by children in Medi-Cal, but there is a better way to manage the disease that results in better outcomes for kids and more efficient care. With this new fiscal support of one-time \$15 million, the state is making strong investments in preventive care and asthma education for kids in Medi-Cal.” – Ted Lempert, President of Children Now

\$5 million in ongoing funds (yearly)

Aging and Disability Resource Center Services

“We are delighted that Senator Hurtado recognizes that Californian’s long-term system is complex and confusing, necessitating a coordinated structure to better assist older and disabled adults and their families. SB453 augments the Aging and Disability Resource Centers to support a program whose goal is to help individuals access and navigate a myriad of available programs. Without a ‘no wrong door’ approach, consumers often fall through the cracks. The aging and disability communities are pleased to have a champion like Senator Hurtado.” – Derrell Kelch, Executive Director, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging

“We applaud both Senator Hurtado and Governor Newsome for their leadership in assuring and increasing programs and services are increased across the state for people with disabilities and our growing aging population. Further investing in Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) demonstrates that our voices are behind heard and that creating no



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wrong door systems such as ADRC's are beneficial for all." -Christina N. Mills, Executive Director, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers