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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 1929 (GABRIEL) WHICH INSTRUCTS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT SERVICES TARGETED AT REDUCING INJURY RECIDIVISM AMONG VIOLENTLY INJURED MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES, AND PROVIDE DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT TO QUALIFIED VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Legislature finds that people who have been violently injured are substantially more likely to be violently reinjured, and to engage in behaviors, as part of a cycle of community violence, trauma, and retaliation, that also substantially increase their own risk of violent reinjury; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Department of Health Care Services (Department) develop and implement services targeted at reducing injury recidivism among violently injured Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and provide direct reimbursement to qualified violence prevention professionals for violence preventative services in accordance with this section; and

WHEREAS, For the purposes of establishing the pilot program, Assembly Bill (AB) 1929 requires the Department to consult with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, professionals in the community violence intervention field, hospital-linked and hospital-based violence intervention programs, and health care professionals working with hospital-linked and hospital-based violence intervention programs; and

WHEREAS, Under the pilot program, the Department shall provide violence preventive services that are rendered by a qualified violence prevention professional to a Medi-Cal beneficiary who meets both of the following conditions: (1) The beneficiary has received medical treatment for a violent injury, including, but not limited to, a gunshot wound, stabbing injury, or any other form of violent injury, and (2) A licensed health care provider has determined that the beneficiary is at elevated risk of violent reinjury or retaliation and has referred the beneficiary to participate in a violence preventive services program; and

WHEREAS, “Prevention professional” has the same meaning as defined by the National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) under NUCC Code Number 405300000X or its successor; and

WHEREAS, “Qualified violence prevention professional” means a prevention professional who renders violence preventive services; and

WHEREAS, “Violence preventive services” means evidence-based, trauma-informed, supportive, culturally responsive, and nonpsychotherapeutic services provided by a prevention professional, who works in collaboration with other care providers and community partners, for the purpose of promoting improved health outcomes and positive behavioral change, preventing injury recidivism, and reducing the likelihood that violently injured individuals will commit or promote violence themselves; and

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council supports AB 1929 and hereby endorses AB 1929 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Administrator or his designee to distribute this Resolution upon its adoption to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Assembly Member Gabriel, and state legislators representing the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, FIFE, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California