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## ***CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH PLANS STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO TODAY'S SIGNING OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEGISLATION***

*California health plans extend their commitment to ensuring patients receive the mental health care treatment they need*

**Sacramento, CA** — In response to Governor Gavin Newsom's signing of legislation focused on behavioral health care today, the California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) released the following statement:

"Today's signing of Senate Bill 855 (Wiener) by Governor Newsom will potentially lead to more disparities in our mental health care system. This is contrary to health plans' commitment to providing mental health care coverage for all Californians. California's health plans are committed to working with the Governor's Office, state lawmakers, providers, and others in the health care community to ensure that patients receive the mental health care they need, to improve California's mental health care system, and to address the future mental health care workforce shortage."

For more information, please visit the [California Association of Health Plans website](https://www.calhealthplans.org).

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*CAHP is a statewide association representing 46 full-service health plans. Through legislative advocacy, education and collaboration with other member organizations, CAHP works to sustain a strong environment in which our member plans can provide access to products that offer choice and flexibility to the more than 25 million members they serve. For more information, please visit [www.calhealthplans.org](https://www.calhealthplans.org) or call (916) 552-2910.*