



**LEGISLATION & PUBLIC
INFORMATION UNIT**

1029 J Street, Suite 150
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tel: (916) 497-0331

TTY: (916) 497-0835

Fax: (916) 497-0813

www.disabilityrightsca.org

California's protection and advocacy system

May 24, 2011

Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
Senate Budget Subcommittee #3
Capitol Building, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: OPPOSE - May Revision Proposed One-Year Lock-in for Medi-Cal
Managed Care Enrollees**

Dear Senator DeSaulnier:

Disability Rights California is a statewide nonprofit that has worked to advance the rights of Californians with disabilities for over thirty years, and is the designated protection and advocacy agency for people with disabilities under federal and state law.

Disability Rights California opposes the May Revision proposal to lock-in Medi-Cal managed care enrollees for one year. People with disabilities often have complex and ever-changing medical needs. The treatments, drugs, and specialists they need may change from day to day. These ever changing and often specialized needs require a level of flexibility that cannot be met when locking them into a single plan for a year.

The issue is particularly troublesome, as people with disabilities are being forced out of the more preferred fee-for-service plans and into managed care. We urge you to reject this proposal.

Disability Rights California Letter
Page 2 of 2

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Tartaglia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brandon Tartaglia
Legislative Advocate
Disability Rights California

CC: Honorable Members of Senate Budget Subcommittee #3

CC: Diane Van Maren, Consultant, Senate Budget Subcommittee #3