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June 22, 2018

Honorable Jim Wood  
Chair, Health Committee  
California State Assembly  
Capitol Building, Room 6005  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1287 (HERNANDEZ) as amended June 20, 2018 – SUPPORT**


Dear Assembly Member Wood:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1287**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Health Committee on June 26, 2018.

SB 1287 corrects the definition of “medically necessary” and “medical necessity” as applied to children, which should be applied more broadly in order to address conditions that may become more serious as a child grows older. For this reason, it also makes sense to apply the bill’s change to EPSDT so as not to require prior authorizations. Other utilization review provisions are explicitly protected by the bill.

For these reasons, DRC supports this bill. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deb Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deb Roth  
Senior Legislative Advocate  
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Ed Hernandez, California State Senate  
Scott Bain, Principal Consultant, Senate Health Committee  
Honorable Members, Assembly Health Committee  
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