



Healthy Families and Regional Center Revisions

Healthy Families:

- ◆ Rejects the May Revise proposal to eliminate the Healthy Families Program and to reduce program eligibility from 250 to 200 percent of federal poverty.
- ◆ Reduces \$174 million in General Fund support for the Healthy Families Program and adopts intent language that outside sources of funding support the program. (Note: \$50 million came from the Governors “blue pencil” cut.) The Governor has directed the Staff to look to the First 5 commission to back up
- ◆ Adopts the May Revise proposal to eliminate \$2.7 million in General Fund support for Certified Application Assistance for the Medi-Cal/Healthy Families joint application.

Regional Centers:

- ◆ The Governor (line item veto) reduced the regional center services budget by \$50 million for children up to 5 years of age. The Governor also directed his staff to immediately request funding from First 5.

Governor’s Veto:

I am reducing Regional Center Purchase of Services by \$50,000,000 for services to children up to age five, as these services are due to program growth and thus eligible for funding from the California Children and Families Commission. I am directing the Secretary for the Health and Human Services Agency, the Department of Developmental Services, and the Department of Finance to immediately request funds from the Commission for this purpose.

I do not intend to pursue separate legislation changing eligibility or services for these children for purposes of achieving these savings. I urge the Commission to provide supplemental funding for the growth in these services.