



March 17, 2021

Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
California State Capitol, Room 4146
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support of AB 1083 (Nazarian) – Senior affordable housing: nursing pilot program

Dear Assemblymember Nazarian:

California Health Advocates (CHA) is writing in **support of AB 1083**, Housing Plus Services: Nursing Pilot Program. California Health Advocates (CHA), a non-profit organization founded in 1997, is the leading Medicare Advocacy and educational voice for more than 5.6 million Medicare beneficiaries in California. Our members, county Health Insurance and Advocacy Programs (HICAPs) often work with beneficiaries who are affordable housing residents.

The Housing Plus Services: Nursing Pilot program in affordable housing is a game-changer in providing older adults the education and supports to age in place. Many affordable housing residents are coping with multiple chronic illnesses and functional impairments that put them at risk for poor health outcomes, making it more likely that they will use costly medical services such as emergency departments, hospitals, and nursing homes, all the while losing dignity and quality of life. The initial RN Coaching model demonstrates nearly 70% fewer residents moved out of three affordable housing properties due to health-related issues. Empowering seniors to live independently in their community is more important now than ever before. AB 1083 enables the Housing Plus Services: RN Coaching program model to be expanded to five counties and further evaluated over five years.

CHA is supporting this program as it would help residents navigate a complicated health care system and potentially reduce Medicare costs.

Thank you for your commitment to enable older adults to age in place. **California Health Advocates** is a proud supporter of AB 1083.

Sincerely,

Christina-Dimas Kahn, Board Chair
California Health Advocates

Cc: Holly Tarr, Office of Assemblymember Nazarian