



BETTY T. YEE
California State Controller

June 4, 2019

Marcie Frost, Chief Executive Officer
California Public Employees' Retirement System
400 Q Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: CalPERS Health Benefits Affiliations

Dear Ms. Frost:

In the wake of the enactment of anti-choice, pro-discrimination legislation across the country, I write to respectfully request that the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board be provided written assurances from all plan contractors that CalPERS beneficiaries will continue to have access to all reproductive services and gender-affirming care. This includes abortion, contraception, fertility treatment, and hormones and surgery for transgender patients, as required under California law.

I expect these assurances to include details regarding how the health plans will ensure all providers receiving funding through CalPERS contracts are able to freely counsel beneficiaries and provide any of the above-referenced services without interference from any hospital or facility that is affiliated with religious entities whose "statement of common values" does not support these services.

As the largest purchaser of public employee health benefits in California, CalPERS should ensure that none of the 1.4 million public employees, retirees, and their families who depend on us to provide quality health care services should ever have to fight unnecessary barriers accessing care for which they are legally entitled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty T. Yee".

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