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### SB 1082 – Augmented Adult Residential Care Facility Rate Plan

#### **SUMMARY**

Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) have long served as an important housing option for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI), individuals with disabilities and older adults. Due to inadequate funding and the high cost of living, hundreds of these facilities have closed or are closing. Lack of these facilities impacts families, communities, and most of all, Californians with serious mental illness who for health or physical reasons cannot live independently. Addressing this long-standing issue is critical to creating a robust behavioral health system throughout California.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Licensed Board and Cares, including ARFs and RCFEs are a crucial component of California's housing continuums for individuals with serious mental illness who also have complex care needs. These facilities provide critical care and supervision, often through independent operators who open their homes to offer a room, three meals a day, and basic care and assistance to individuals when other housing options are not possible or appropriate.

Board and Care facilities are a step down from more costly care in hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities and nursing homes. The current federal supplemental security income rate of approximately \$1,398 a month per individual with a serious mental illness is inadequate, yet small ARFs and RCFEs rely on this for their primary and often only source of revenue. Social and financial costs are high as individuals enter revolving doors between crisis facilities, psychiatric facilities, emergency rooms, homelessness and incarceration. For larger-scale community care facilities who receive supplemental patches from local revenue from County Mental/Behavioral Health Agencies for augmented services, there is no federal match for the patch. Subsidy patch amounts vary depending on type and location but range from \$64-\$225 per day per individual. These patches are reliant on continued funding and

approval from the county and therefore may only exist for periods at a time making them an unsustainable long-term solution. California taxpayer revenue should be used to leverage federal funds in order to build out the community care and housing continuum.

For individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) there is a tiered structure of funding available to small community care facilities that is facilitated through the Department of Developmental Services, the 21 Regional Centers, Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing and the Department of Health Care Services. The 1915 (c) waiver for IDD has a tiered rates range from \$1,398 to \$12,715 per month per consumer with IDD.

California should facilitate this model and rate structure for individuals with serious mental illness who are on SSI and require care in an ARF or RCFE by updating the Community Care Facilities Act to include Augmented Residential Care Facilities for individuals with serious mental illness.

#### **THIS BILL**

This bill would require the Department of Health Care services, in partnership with the Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing Division to develop and implement an Augmented Residential Care Facility plan that addresses community care facility needs of Californian's with serious mental illness who require 24-hour non-medical care and augmented supports in a homelike setting.

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