

Assembly Bill 368 establishes a two-year “Food Prescription” pilot in partnership with Medi-Cal managed care plans in three California counties. The legislation aims to directly address racial health disparities, chronic disease, healthcare costs, and healthcare utilization among Medi-Cal beneficiaries, helping to make them more resilient against severe COVID-19, hospitalization, and death.

Medically supportive food (“Food Prescription”) is an effective intervention to prevent, reverse and manage chronic diseases. Results from studies of medically supportive food programs have been impressive with clinically and statistically significant findings including drops in average A1C (blood sugar) levels, blood pressure, BMI, preterm births, and clinical depression scores.

The COVID-19 public health emergency has exacerbated health disparities among communities of color, illuminating the urgent need to build resilience among vulnerable populations, especially those with underlying medical conditions.

[Your name/organization] supports Assembly Bill 368 because Davis Street is committed to helping reach health equity within the community, and the dramatic increase in health disparities due to COVID-19 needs to be addressed. Davis Street safety-net services include full medical care, food, housing, and utility assistance, childcare, and programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Signed,  
[Your name/organization]