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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA
94249-0004

RE: AB 2516 (Aguiar-Curry): Health care coverage: human papillomavirus.

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I am proud to support AB 2516, a bill that require that all health insurance programs cover the costs of vaccinating for human papillomavirus (HPV).

The American Society for Reproductive (ASRM) has, for nearly a century, been the global leader in multidisciplinary reproductive medicine research, ethical practice, and education. ASRM's approximately 8,000 distinguished members, which include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, mental health professionals and others, represent more than 100 countries and impact and inform all aspects of reproductive care and science worldwide. In our role, our focus is on serving both our members, our patients, and the children born as a result of assisted reproductive technologies.

HPV is the most common form of sexually transmitted infection. If left untreated, HPV can lead to difficulties conceiving or carrying a pregnancy to term, or infertility in both men and women. ASRM, the CDC, and other respected medical organizations recommend the HPV vaccine for all genders, attributing its effectiveness in preventing nine variants of the virus, and more than 90 percent of HPV-related cancers. Currently, many Californians face financial barriers to receiving the vaccine, leaving their reproductive health at risk. AB 2516 would ensure that finances or insurance status would not impact the ability of any Californian to grow their future family.

I strongly urge you to make reproductive health equity, and AB 2516, a priority.

For more information, feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, our Chief Advocacy and Policy officer at Stipton@asrm.org or 202-421-5112.

Sincerely,



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