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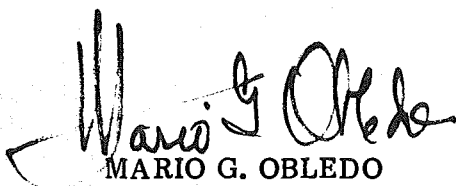
PREFACE

The California State Health Plan 1980-1985 is the first comprehensive State plan to be adopted by any Administration as a basis for fundamental improvement in the health of Californians and in the health programs that serve them.

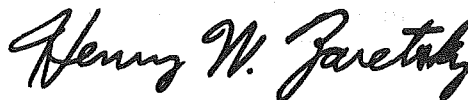
The delivery of health care services in this State is characterized by the paradox of impressive medical technology capable of dramatic achievements, accompanied by gaps in availability of basic primary health care services to many people. Although nonmedical factors such as the environment, diet and lifestyles have more long run impact on health than medical care, most of our health resources are devoted to medical care. In an attempt to deal with these problems, government has instituted a vast array of programs, some of which are duplicative, conflicting and inadequate. A constructive response requires a comprehensive guide for the State's actions to improve health and to make the delivery of health care services more effective and efficient.

An enlightened and vocal public willing to support difficult decisions necessary to effect an equitable distribution of health resources is our best hope to solve these complex problems. Thirty-eight public hearings and numerous meetings of technical review groups were held across this State as the Plan was developed. This involvement of consumers, health care providers, health systems agencies and the local, State and federal governments must continue and expand in the implementation and further refinement of this Plan.

Success will depend on our mutual efforts.



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For State purposes, this Plan is not a regulation, statute, budget proposal or an initiative; rather, it seeks to provide the overall foundation upon which future initiatives can be constructed. The Plan establishes a fundamental philosophy and points the direction for the growth and evolution of California's health care system.

Action on the Plan's recommendations will be guided and governed by fiscal constraints and only through normal legislative and administrative processes. As such, the recommendations do not represent Administration proposals for immediate action.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BMQA	= Bureau of Medical Quality Assurance
CON	= Certificate of Need
DHS	= Department of Health Services
ECF	= Extended Care Facility
HSA	= Health Systems Agency
HSP	= Health Systems Plan
ICF	= Intermediate Care Facility
MLP	= Midlevel Practitioner
NP	= Nurse Practitioner
PA	= Physician's Assistant
OSHPD	= Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
PSRO	= Professional Standards Review Organization
SHCC	= Statewide Health Coordinating Council
SMSA	= Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SNF	= Skilled Nursing Facility
UR	= Utilization Review

