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Evaluating the Governor's Realignment Language for Health and Human Services Programs

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LAO Recommendations to Ensure Long-Term Success of 2011 Realignment

- ☒ Develop local funding allocation formulas with eye towards the long-term
- ☒ Simplify the structure of the realignment accounts to provide financial flexibility
- ☒ Enact statutory changes to give counties appropriate program flexibility
- ☒ Make sure that local fiscal incentives are aligned with statewide goals
- ☒ Promote local accountability
- ☒ Clearly define the state's role and funding responsibilities
- ☒ Avoid state-reimbursable mandates

For more information, please see our August 2011 publication *2011 Realignment: Addressing Issues to Promote Its Long-Term Success*.



Evaluating the Proposed “Superstructure”



More simplified account structure provides some financial flexibility

- Greater flexibility for support services programs offers potential for counties to be more innovative and efficient.
- Similar flexibility not provided for criminal justice programs.



Proportional allocation of funding growth would lock in historical funding patterns

- Reduces ability of state and counties to respond to changes in demographics, needs, or priorities.
- Alternative to consider would be to distribute growth to counties on per capita basis.



Governor's Proposed Realignment Account Structure

