

MEMO

DATE: July 16, 2021

SUBJECT: **CDI LTC program – social insurance vs. public assistance questionnaire**

This questionnaire will be distributed to all Task Force Members to complete in advance of the next Long-Term Care Insurance Task Force meeting (August 19, 2021). The purpose of this questionnaire is to independently collect Task Members' **preliminary** recommendations with respect to social insurance versus public assistance. Task Force Members will have the opportunity to revisit their recommendations during Task Force Meeting 3.

This questionnaire should be completed by all Task Force Members after reviewing presentation materials published by the CDI on the above topic.

The public may submit a response to the questionnaire via email (CDIBoards@insurance.ca.gov). The questionnaire will include the following questions.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name:

1. **Which of the provided materials on this topic did you review?**
 - a. *I read the "Social insurance vs. public assistance" presentation materials*
 - b. *I watched the recording of Kevin Russell's presentation on social insurance vs. public assistance*
 - c. *I read the materials and watched the recording*

2. **Rank the following features associated with a social insurance program in the context of California's LTC insurance program from most appealing (1) to least appealing (5). Provide rationale for your ranking.**
 - a. *Mechanism for premium collection as a percentage of wages already exists with the California State Disability Insurance Program*
 - b. *AB 567 language has several references to "working adults" and "mandatory enrollment", which fit with typical social insurance program features*
 - c. *Lower income workers receive the same long-term care benefit as higher income workers*
 - d. *With a payroll tax, it will be difficult for future politicians to reduce eligibility and benefit levels*

- e. *If costs of California's LTC insurance program run high compared to expectations, increased payroll tax rates are a likely reaction*
- f. *Other (please specify)*

Provide rationale for your ranking.

3. Rank the following features associated with a public assistance program in the context of California's LTC insurance program from most appealing (1) to least appealing (5). Provide rationale for your ranking.

- a. *Mechanism for collection of eligibility records (years of residence in California) would need to be created*
- b. *With no dedicated payroll tax, a public assistance program could avoid taxing lower income persons for the benefit, when they likely would qualify for Medi-Cal LTC benefits anyway*
- c. *If costs of California's LTC insurance program run high compared to expectations, additional funding could be available from general state tax revenue*
- d. *If costs of California's LTC insurance program run high compared to expectations, it is easier to reduce benefit levels*
- e. *If a federal LTC insurance program is instituted in the future, it is likely easier to adjust a public assistance program than a social insurance program*
- f. *Other (please specify)*

Provide rationale for your ranking.

4. What do you feel is a more suitable structure for California's LTC insurance program?

- a. *Social insurance*
- b. *Public assistance*

Explain your choice.