

## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	February 26, 2017
<b>TO</b>	Policy and Advocacy Committee
<b>FROM</b>	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #7(iii)(A) – AB 244 (Cervantes) - Maternal Mental Health

### **Background:**

This bill declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to address the shortage of treatment options for women suffering from maternal mental health disorders, including postpartum depression and anxiety disorders. This bill encourages the implementation of a single county telepsychiatry referral pilot program that would help build the capacity of health providers serving pregnant and postpartum women.

**Location:** Assembly

**Status:** 01/30/2017 Introduced.

### **Action Requested:**

No action is required at this time. Staff will be watching AB 244 for the specific language regarding this pilot program to see the types of changes in telehealth the bill will enact and also to see if psychological services are also included.