

**Department of Health Care Services  
Proposed Trailer Bill Legislation**

**Issue 647—Contracting Authority to Administer Federal Cures Act Grants**

Section 14124.13 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is added to read:

**(a) The department may enter into exclusive or nonexclusive contracts, or amend existing contracts, on a bid or negotiated basis for purposes of administering or implementing any federal grant awarded pursuant to the federal “21st Century Cures Act” (Pub. L. No. 114-255), any subsequent amendment to the Act, or any associated federal regulation or policy guidance.**

**(b) Contracts entered into or amended pursuant to this section shall be exempt from Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 14825) of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, Section 19130 of the Government Code, and Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, and shall be exempt from the review or approval of any division of the Department of General Services.**