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**DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98]** ( Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**PART 3.3. Health Care Coverage Assistance [15800 - 15895]** ( Part 3.3 added by Stats. 2013, Ch. 23, Sec. 68. )

**CHAPTER 4. California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program [15870 - 15895]** ( Chapter 4 added by Stats. 2014, Ch. 31, Sec. 90. )

**ARTICLE 4. Participating Health Plans [15881 - 15883]** ( Article 4 added by Stats. 2014, Ch. 31, Sec. 90. )

**15881.** The department shall provide coverage through participating health plans and may contract for the processing of applications, the enrollment of subscribers, and activities necessary to administer the program. A contract entered into pursuant to this chapter shall be exempt from any provision of law relating to competitive bidding, and shall be exempt from the review or approval of any division of the Department of General Services. The department shall not be required to specify the amounts encumbered for each contract but may allocate funds to each contract based on projected and actual subscriber enrollments in a total amount not to exceed revenue available for the program.

(Added by Stats. 2014, Ch. 31, Sec. 90. (SB 857) Effective June 20, 2014. Section operative July 1, 2014, pursuant to Section 15872.5.)

**15882.** The department may provide or purchase stop-loss coverage under which the program and participating health plans share the risk for health plan expenses which exceed plan rates.

(Added by Stats. 2014, Ch. 31, Sec. 90. (SB 857) Effective June 20, 2014. Section operative July 1, 2014, pursuant to Section 15872.5.)

**15883.** The department shall withdraw its approval of any participating health benefits plan for noncompliance with program standards, nonpayment of claims, or other good cause shown. Approval shall not be withdrawn except after reasonable notice to the health plan, program subscribers enrolled in the plan, physicians or organizations of physicians offering services through the plan, and all interested parties.

(Added by Stats. 2014, Ch. 31, Sec. 90. (SB 857) Effective June 20, 2014. Section operative July 1, 2014, pursuant to Section 15872.5.)