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Notice of Reduction of the Medi-Cal Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Benefit

Dear Beneficiary:

The California Department of Health Care Services is sending this notice to let you know of a change in the State law regarding the Medi-Cal Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) benefit. This change to State law was enacted to provide relief to the State's severe fiscal crisis.

The Medi-Cal ADHC benefit is reduced to a maximum of three days of ADHC per week. Effective August 27, 2009, Medi-Cal will no longer approve or pay for a beneficiary to attend an ADHC center for more than three days per week. ADHC is an organized day program of therapeutic, social and skilled nursing health activities and services provided to elderly persons or adults with disabilities with functional impairments, either physical or mental, for the purpose of restoring or maintaining optimal capacity for self-care.

Where can I go for more information?

Additional information on this change in the ADHC benefit will be provided on the Department of Health Care Services website at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov> and on the Medi-Cal Web site at <http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/>.

You can find the State law that authorizes the reduction of ADHC on the California Legislative Information website at www.leginfo.ca.gov. Look for Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 14132, 14522.4, 14525.1, 14526.1, 14526.2, and 14550.6.

If you have questions about this change in Medi-Cal benefits, you may call the Medi-Cal Beneficiary Services Line at 1-888-284-0623.

If you want more information about the ADHC program, please contact your doctor or other health care provider.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice of Benefit Reduction Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Benefit

Dear Medi-Cal Beneficiary:

This is to notify you that a recent change in California law will reduce the Adult Day Health Care benefit to a maximum of three days per week for any beneficiary. This change will occur 30 days after signing of the law that accompanies the State Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget.

The Department of Health Care Services records show that you are currently authorized to receive four or more days per week of Adult Day Health Care. Effective August 27, 2009, Medi-Cal will only authorize and pay for a maximum of three days per week of Adult Day Health Care. Due to this change of State law, carry-over days and make-up days will not be allowed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Medi-Cal Beneficiary Services Line at 1-888-284-0623, or speak with your ADHC provider.