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To: ALL GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM (GHPP)  
SPECIAL CARE CENTER MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND STAFF

SUBJECT: Medi-Cal Optional Benefits for GHPP Clients

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with a copy of the letter that was sent to all of the GHPP clients on the Medi-Cal optional benefits. Effective July 1, 2009, adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries will no longer have access to certain Medi-Cal benefits called “optional benefits”. However, there are exceptions in the elimination of these benefits. Detailed information on the elimination of the optional Medi-Cal benefits is available at the Medi-Cal website [www.Medi-Cal.ca.gov](http://www.Medi-Cal.ca.gov)

This change with the Medi-Cal program will have no impact on the services rendered to GHPP clients that are authorized by the GHPP program. On July 1, 2009, all GHPP clients will continue to be eligible for the following benefits:

- Dental
- Audiology
- Speech therapy
- Optometry and optician services
- Podiatry
- Psychology

Physicians or other health care providers who provide services to GHPP clients need to contact the GHPP program for an authorization before providing the services. If you have any questions, please feel to call the GHPP office at (800) 639-0597.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by Luis R. Rico**

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Subject: Medi-Cal Optional Benefits and the Notice of Privacy Practices

You may have recently received a letter from the Medi-Cal program that tells you that after July 1, 2009, you will no longer have access to certain Medi-Cal benefits called “optional benefits”. You may have also heard this on the radio or television. This letter is to assure you that this change in the Medi-Cal program will have no impact on the services that you are eligible to receive through the GHPP program.

On July 1, 2009, all GHPP clients will continue to be eligible to receive the following benefits:

- Dental
- Audiology
- Speech therapy
- Optometry and optician services; such as eye examinations, eye glasses or contact lenses
- Podiatry
- Psychology

Again, there will be no changes in the services that you currently are eligible to receive through the GHPP program. As always, before providing GHPP services to you, your physician or other health care provider needs to contact the GHPP program for an authorization before providing the services.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Notices of Practices which is being provided to fulfill the Department’s reminder notice requirement. If at any time you or your providers have any questions on the GHPP services available to you, please contact the GHPP office at (800) 639-0597.

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