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Greetings,

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has scheduled a conference call on "What Doctors Need to Know About the CBAS Transition" to discuss the implementation of the Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) benefit (formerly known as Adult Day Health Care) and would like to invite you or someone from your staff to participate on this call on **Tuesday, August 28th from 6-7pm.**

As of October 1, 2012, in managed care counties, CBAS (formerly ADHC) will only be available to eligible individuals enrolled in managed care. CBAS is an outpatient, facility-based service program that delivers skilled nursing care, skilled social services, skilled therapies, personal care, family and caregiver training and support, meals, and transportation, using an interdisciplinary team approach. With limited exceptions, Medi-Cal beneficiaries will have to enroll in managed care to receive CBAS.

Medicare/Medi-Cal beneficiaries (dual eligibles) enrolled in CBAS have received letters from DHCS instructing them on how to enroll in a Medi-Cal Managed Care health plan to keep their CBAS Medi-Cal benefit. **This transition will not affect their Medicare insurance benefits.**

Here are some important facts to know about the CBAS transition:

- Medicare primacy care and specialist doctors will still be able to serve their dually eligible patients who enroll in Medi-Cal managed care for their CBAS benefit. The beneficiaries will NOT need to change their Medicare physicians.

- Medicare primary care and specialist doctors do not need to be part of the Medi-Cal Managed Care plan network of doctors. (You may continue seeing your patients and billing Medicare for Medicare treatments and services even after the patient enrolls into Medi-Cal managed care for their CBAS benefit.)

We appreciate how important it is for you to continue to treat your patients effectively. We very much look forward to responding to any of your questions relating to the CBAS transition so you can continue to serve your dually eligible beneficiaries.
If you are interested in participating in this physician focused conference call, please register at http://bit.ly/CBAS1.

For more information on the CBAS benefit, visit http://bit.ly/DHCS_CBAS.

Please send any questions you have to Leisa Schuette at leisa.schuette@dhcs.ca.gov.

Thank you,

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