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**Non-Exclusively Aligned Enrollment D-SNP**

**1. Service Overview**

This Contract is being executed with this Contractor that is a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP), [INSERT D-SNP LEGAL ENTITY NAME], that will be referred to in this Contract as D-SNP Contractor.

This D-SNP Contract is a Care Coordination and benefit coordination agreement. D-SNP Contractor is responsible for coordinating the delivery of all benefits covered by both Medicare and Medi-Cal, including those benefits not covered by the Medicare Advantage health plan under whose authority the D-SNP Contractor operates, and the Medi-Cal benefits identified in the Exhibit H attachment to this Contract and referenced below in Provision 3 of this Exhibit A. Coordination responsibility includes coordination of those Medi-Cal services that are delivered via Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS), managed care, or other Medi-Cal delivery systems. These Medi-Cal Services are defined in the contents of this D-SNP Contract.

**2. Project Representatives**

- A. The project representatives during the term of this D-SNP Contract will be:

Department of Health Care Services	D-SNP Contractor
Managed Care Operations Division Attn: Procurement & Contract Development Branch Chief	[D-SNP Name] Attn: [Contact Name]
Telephone: (916) 449-5000 FAX: (916) 449-5090	Telephone: [Contact Phone Number] Email: [Contact Email Address]

- B. Direct all inquiries to:

Department of Health Care Services	D-SNP Contractor
Managed Care Operations Division Attn: Michelle Retke, Division Chief	[D-SNP Name] Attn: [Contact Name]
MS 4408 P.O. Box 997413 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413	[Address]
Telephone: (916) 449-5000	Telephone: [Contact

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FAX: (916) 449-5090	Phone Number] Email: [Contact Email Address]
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- C. Either party may make changes to the information above by giving written notice to the other party. Said changes will not require an amendment to this D-SNP Contract.
3. See the following attachments for a detailed description of the services to be performed:
- A. Exhibit A: Scope of Work
  - B. Exhibit H

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**1. Care Coordination**

This D-SNP Contract is a Care Coordination and benefit coordination agreement between D-SNP Contractor and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). D-SNP Contractor is responsible for coordinating the delivery of all benefits and services covered by both Medicare and Medi-Cal, including when Medi-Cal Services are delivered via Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS), managed care, or other Medi-Cal delivery systems. Without limitation, when Medically Necessary for the Member, D-SNP Contractor must coordinate care with providers and other entities for the Medi-Cal Services included in Exhibit A, Provision 1, Care Coordination, Paragraph A, below, and outlined in Exhibit H. D-SNP Contractor is responsible for coordinating the Member's Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits and services including, but not limited to, discharge planning, disease management, and care management. D-SNP Contractor must notify Members that D-SNP Contractor, and not the Member, is responsible for coordination of the Member's Medicare and Medi-Cal Services. D-SNP Contractor must:

- A. Develop and implement care coordination procedures that are submitted to and approved by DHCS, for referral and coordination of care for Members who receive Medi-Cal Services through either the Medi-Cal managed care or FFS programs. Medi-Cal Services requiring referral and coordination of care by D-SNP Contractor are outlined in Exhibit H.
  - 1) For Medi-Cal managed care Members, D-SNP Contractor must contact the Member's Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan (MCP) for provider information and for the coordination of Medi-Cal Services covered by the MCP. D-SNP Contractor must include a care coordination point of contact on the DHCS D-SNP MCP Coordination Contact List which is available by request.
  - 2) For Medi-Cal FFS Members, D-SNP Contractor must contact DHCS for provider information and the coordination of Medi-Cal Services in FFS. DHCS contact information can be found on the DHCS website at the following link:  
[https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/dhcs\\_contact.aspx](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/dhcs_contact.aspx)
  - 3) For coordination of behavioral health services, including specialty mental health and substance use disorder services, D-SNP Contractor must contact the Member's MCP and/or the county behavioral health plan for provider information and the coordination of behavioral health services. County

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behavioral health plan contact information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/MHSUD/Pages/CountyProgAdmins.aspx>

- 4) For coordination of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), D-SNP Contractor must contact the County IHSS Office. County IHSS Office contact information can be found at <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/county-ihss-offices>
- 5) For coordination of 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers, D-SNP Contractor must establish a cooperative working relationship with HCBS waiver agencies for care coordination, information sharing, and oversight. A list of waiver programs can be found at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/medi-calwaivers.aspx>.
- 6) For coordination of Medi-Cal dental benefits, D-SNP Contractor must contact the DHCS Dental Fiscal Intermediary-Dental Business Operations (FI-DBO) for provider information and the coordination of dental benefits for Members enrolled in Medi-Cal dental FFS or will contact the Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care Plan for Members enrolled in Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care. FI-DBO contact information can be found at the following link: <https://smilecalifornia.org/contact-us/>. Below is Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care contact information:

Liberty Dental Plan

Sacramento: (888) 703-6999 or (877) 855-8039 (TTY/TTD)

Los Angeles: (888) 703-6999 or (877) 855-8039 (TTY/TTD)

Health Net Dental Plan

Sacramento: (800) 977-7307 | TTY (800) 977-7307 (TTY 711)

Los Angeles: (800) 977-7307 | TTY (800) 977-7307 (TTY 711)

California Dental Network

Sacramento: (833) 479-1984 | 800-466-7566 (TTY/TTD)

Los Angeles: (855) 388-6257 | 800-466-7566 (TTY/TTD)

Please note: the Dental Managed Care Plans are subject to change. DHCS reserves the right to provide updated contact information for Dental Managed Care plans.

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- 7) For coordination of Medi-Cal pharmacy benefits, D-SNP Contractor must contact Medi-Cal Rx, and contact information can be found at the following link:  
<https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/contact/>
- 8) If D-SNP Contractor offers Supplemental Benefits, as defined in Exhibit E, Attachment 1, Definitions, of this Contract, or Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI), or Expanded Primarily Health-Related Benefits (EPHRB), those services must be coordinated as needed to ensure D-SNP Contractor tracks Member use of Supplemental Benefits and exhausts Supplemental Benefits prior to or concurrent with authorization of or referral for Medi-Cal benefits, including but not limited to Dental, Vision, Transportation, Community Supports, and Behavioral Health;
- 9) D-SNP Contractor must implement a Special Needs Plan Model of Care (MOC). In addition to meeting requirements detailed at 42 CFR section 422.101(f) and earning approval from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the Contractor must include State-specific requirements outlined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx/>. D-SNP Contractor must additionally comply with State-specific Care Coordination requirements, which are fully outlined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide available on the DHCS website and may be amended from time to time. These State-specific requirements, which are outlined fully in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide, include the following:
  - a) Incorporating Medi-Cal data into the D-SNP risk stratification process;
  - b) Coordinating with unaligned MCPs for Member care, including sharing copies of their mutual Member's completed Health Risk Assessment (HRA), copies of the completed Individualized Care Plan (ICP) and who is participating in the Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT);

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- c) Coordinating with the MCP and ensuring care managers are exchanging information to update the Member's care plan and engage providers in care plan development and care team meetings;
- d) Including a question in the Member's HRA to identify any engaged Caregiver and submit the HRA tool to DHCS;
- e) Assessing Caregiver support needs, if a Member identifies a Caregiver, as part of D-SNP Contractor's assessment process;
- f) Providing on at least an annual basis as feasible, and with the Member's consent, face-to-face encounters for the delivery of health care, care management, or Care Coordination services;
- g) Incorporating trained Dementia Care Specialists in care teams and encouraging primary care providers to leverage Dementia Care Aware resources for any primary care appointment to detect cognitive impairment;
- h) Utilizing Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) liaisons in supporting care transitions;
- i) Providing California Integrated Care Management (CICM) to specific vulnerable populations as defined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide and demonstrating how the D-SNP Contractor's Model of Care includes and reflects the delivery of services to CICM populations;
- j) Providing in-person care management to the CICM population, Adults Experiencing Homelessness;
- k) Providing and coordinating inpatient and outpatient/community-based palliative care referrals and services for Members who meet Medi-Cal criteria for palliative care; and
- l) Discussing advance care planning in the annual wellness visit or other provider visits.

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- B. Make a referral to the Member's Medi-Cal MCP, or county or State office listed in Paragraph A above, for follow-up and possible provision of Medi-Cal Services when a Member requests or D-SNP Contractor determines a Member may need a Medi-Cal Service that is not covered by D-SNP Contractor.
- C. D-SNP Contractor is not responsible for the provision of, or paying reimbursement for, any Medi-Cal Services. D-SNP Contractor must maintain a current knowledge and familiarity of Medi-Cal Services through ongoing reviews of California laws, rules, policies, and further guidance as posted on the DHCS website or otherwise provided by DHCS. D-SNP Contractor must timely coordinate Medi-Cal Services requiring referral and coordination of care as outlined in Exhibit H for its Members under this Contract.

This Provision details D-SNP Contractor's specific Medicare-Medi-Cal Care Coordination requirements. Medi-Cal Services are described in Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 CFR parts 440 and 441; the California Medicaid State Plan; Exhibit H; the DHCS and Medi-Cal websites; and other relevant materials.

**2. Information Sharing**

- A. D-SNP Contractor is responsible for complying with State policy implementing federal information sharing requirements for D-SNPs per 42 CFR section 422.107(d)(1), for the purpose of coordinating Medicare and Medi-Cal covered services between settings of care for all Members. This State policy is in addition to federal requirements for hospitals regarding electronic notifications listed in 42 CFR section 482.24(d). The goal of the information sharing policy is for D-SNP Contractor, either directly or through contracted providers or other entities, to timely notify the Member's MCP of hospital and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) admissions particularly if the MCP is a different organization than the D-SNP. Timely notification supports the coordination of and referrals to Medicare and Medi-Cal Services, including Home and Community-Based Services.
  - 1) To the extent permissible under applicable federal and State law and regulations, and not inconsistent with the Member's expressed privacy preferences, D-SNP Contractor will require their contracted hospitals and SNFs to use a secure email data exchange through a Health Information Organization, or an electronic process approved by DHCS, to inform D-SNP Contractor and the Member's MCP in a timely manner of any

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hospital or SNF admissions for all Members. D-SNP Contractor will require contracted hospitals to make this notification either immediately prior to, or at the time of, the Member's discharge or transfer from the hospital's inpatient services, if applicable.

- 2) As an alternative to the hospital's notification to the Member's MCP, D-SNP Contractor may notify the Member's MCP in the same timeframe and method referenced in Paragraph 1) of any hospital admission, for all Members. D-SNP Contractor must coordinate any necessary Medicare and Medi-Cal services for the Member with the MCP.
- 3) To the extent permissible under applicable federal and State law and regulations, and not inconsistent with the Member's expressed privacy preferences, D-SNP Contractor will require their contracted SNFs to use a secure email, a data exchange through a Health Information Organization, or an electronic process approved by DHCS, to inform D-SNP Contractor and the Member's MCP of any SNF admission, discharge, or transfer for all Members. For SNF admissions, D-SNP Contractor will require contracted SNFs to make this notification within 48 hours after any SNF admission. For SNF discharges or transfers, D-SNP Contractor will require contracted SNFs to make this notification in advance, if at all possible, or at the time of, the Member's discharge or transfer from the SNF.
- 4) As an alternative to the SNF's notification to the Member's MCP, D-SNP Contractor may notify the Member's MCP, in the same timeframe and method referenced in Paragraph 3), of any SNF admission, discharge, or transfer for all Members. D-SNP Contractor must coordinate any necessary Medicare and Medi-Cal services for the Member with the MCP.
- 5) In the event that D-SNP Contractor authorizes another entity or entities to perform these notifications, D-SNP Contractor must retain responsibility for complying with this requirement. D-SNP Contractor ultimately retains the responsibility for the notification requirements that are delegated to its contracted hospitals and SNFs.

- B. D-SNP Contractor will coordinate care management for their Members and facilitate Member access to needed LTSS, including in community-based settings to support care transitions.



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**3. Consumer Participation in Governance Boards**

- A. D-SNP Contractor must comply with federal requirements outlined in 42 CFR section 422.107(f) in addition to State-specific requirements outlined below. D-SNP Contractor must ensure consumer participation in governance boards that will provide regular feedback to D-SNP Contractor on issues of duals-related topics, including plan management and Member care. D-SNP Contractor must consider region-specific meetings based on geographic county proximity rather than one State-wide setting, and ensure that the committee completes the following:
- 1) Meets at least quarterly throughout the Contract Year;
  - 2) Has at least four (4) Member seats for individuals who have knowledge and perspective of D-SNP topics to facilitate a variety of Member perspectives and unique lived experiences, including those using services such as Home and Community Based Services and Long-Term Care;
  - 3) Includes a ratio of Members on the governance board focused on duals-related topics relative to the ratio of dual eligible Members enrolled with D-SNP Contractor;
  - 4) Includes a reasonably representative sample of the population enrolled in D-SNP including Members, Member's family members, consumer advocates, and caregivers that reflect the demographic diversity of the D-SNP population, including individuals with disabilities; and
  - 5) Solicits input on ways to improve access to Covered Services, coordination of services (including all Medicare and Medi-Cal services), and health equity for underserved populations, among other topics.
- B. D-SNP Contractor is responsible for reporting their committee charter and membership to DHCS annually by March 1, 2026, through its DHCS Contract Manager via email. D-SNP Contractor is also responsible for reporting meeting minutes and agendas to DHCS quarterly through its DHCS Contract Manager via email no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter. DHCS reserves the right to review and approve Enrollee membership. D-SNP Contractor can engage and recruit Members serving on existing committees.

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**4. State Guidance**

- A. In addition to the terms and conditions of this Contract, D-SNP Contractor must comply with State-specific departmental guidance in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide available on the DHCS website:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx>.
- B. To the extent that State guidance conflicts with Medicare requirements or regulations, D-SNP Contractor must comply with Medicare requirements and regulations. For purposes of this Provision, State guidance only conflicts with Medicare requirements or regulations to the extent that the guidance requires conduct that would violate Medicare requirements or regulations.

**5. Coverage Area and Eligible Beneficiaries**

- A. This Contract covers the Medicare H-contract and Plan Benefit Package (PBP) listed within the following table.
- B. D-SNP Contractor may not enroll any new Members. Members covered under this Contract must include all full-benefit Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries, 21 years of age or older, who are already enrolled in the D-SNP in the following Service Area:

<b>Plan PBPs</b>	<b>H-Contract</b>	<b>Service Area of PBP</b>	<b>Populations Eligible for Continued Enrollment</b>	<b>Open to New Enrollment?</b>
[List PBP]	[List H-Contract]	[List County/Counties]	[List eligible populations; note this includes full-benefit Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries ; (e.g., QMB+, SLMB+, Other Full-Benefit Medi-Cal)]	[No]

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- C. Per Welfare & Institutions Code (W&I) section 14184.208(c)(4), beginning with Contract term 2025, D-SNP Contractors without an affiliated MCP or Subcontracted Delegated Health Plan in the Service Area (non-EAE D-SNPs) must not accept new enrollment of Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries in that Service Area. This is applicable to all Service Areas across the state.
- D. If D-SNP Contractor enrolls any additional Members, then D-SNP Contractor must report to DHCS and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within 30 days of the new enrollment, and provide information on the number of Members newly enrolled, the county or counties within its Service Area, and the time period of their enrollment. New Members must be disenrolled by D-SNP Contractor within 60 days of the notification to DHCS.

**6. Certification and Enrollment Reporting**

- A. D-SNP Contractor must submit to DHCS a certification, signed by the Chief Operations Officer or similar executive officer, that attests to the number of Members enrolled in D-SNP Contractor's D-SNP as of the effective date of this Contract.
- B. By the fifth working day of each month during the term of this Contract, D-SNP Contractor must submit a report, signed by the Chief Operations Officer or similar executive officer, to DHCS summarizing the previous month's Enrollment numbers.

**7. Member Billing Prohibitions**

- A. D-SNP Contractor and its contracted providers are prohibited from imposing cost-sharing requirements on Members that would exceed the amounts permitted under the California Medicaid State Plan, Section 1852(a)(7) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR section 422.504(g)(1)(iii). D-SNP Contractor must not bill any Member (including full-benefit Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries such as QMB+, SLMB+, and other full-benefit Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries) for Medicare cost sharing amounts, including deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, in accordance with Section 1902(n)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act, which prohibits a Medicare provider from billing a full-benefit Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries for Medicare cost sharing amounts, including deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments.
- B. Any Dual-Eligible Beneficiary (including full-benefit Dual-Eligible

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Beneficiaries such as QMB+, SLMB+, and other full-benefit Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries) has no legal obligation to make further payment to a provider or to D-SNP Contractor for Medicare Part A or Part B cost sharing amounts. D-SNP Contractor's provider agreements must specify that a contracted Medicare provider agrees to accept D-SNP Contractor's Medicare reimbursement as payments in full for services rendered to Members, or to bill Medi-Cal or the Member's Medi-Cal MCP as applicable for any additional Medicare payments that may be reimbursed by Medi-Cal. D-SNP Contractor's provider agreements must require a contracted Medicare provider to comply with Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) section 14019.4.

**8. Provider Network Reporting Requirements**

- A. D-SNP Contractor can obtain Medi-Cal participating providers by reviewing the California Health and Human Services Open Data Portal. Medi-Cal FFS Provider data can be found at: <https://data.chhs.ca.gov/dataset/profile-of-enrolled-medi-cal-fee-for-service-ffs-providers>. Medi-Cal Managed Care Provider Network data can be found at: <https://data.chhs.ca.gov/dataset/medi-cal-managed-care-provider-listing>. Alternatively, D-SNP Contractor can obtain the file from the affiliated Medi-Cal MCP.
- B. D-SNP Contractor must identify in its provider directory those providers that accept both Medicare and Medi-Cal (providers that are currently registered providers under Medi-Cal and are also within D-SNP Contractor's network.)
- C. D-SNP Contractor must provide DHCS with a file with their provider network, requirements are outlined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide available on DHCS' website: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx>.

**9. Medi-Cal and Medicare Eligibility Verification and MCP Enrollment Verification**

- A. It is the responsibility of D-SNP Contractor to verify Medi-Cal eligibility of a Member. To facilitate this verification, D-SNP Contractor will have real-time access to the Medi-Cal eligibility verification system.
- B. To obtain Medicare Advantage and Medi-Cal eligibility, D-SNP Contractor must validate eligibility through its existing on-line and/or batch Medicare and Medi-Cal eligibility user interfaces.

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- C. D-SNP Contractor must ensure appropriate training of plan personnel and providers regarding the use of the Medi-Cal Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS) interface and the appropriate interpretation of its eligibility results.
- D. D-SNP Contractor's providers may use the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) online provider portal to check their patient's Medicare eligibility. Additional information on checking Medicare eligibility can be found on the following link: <https://www.cms.gov/MAC-info>.

**10. Contract Term**

This D-SNP Contract is effective from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

**11. Termination**

DHCS retains the right to terminate this D-SNP Contract at any time for cause or no cause.

**12. Compensation**

The State of California and DHCS must not provide any remuneration or other form of compensation for the performance of any duties or obligations provided under this D-SNP Contract.

**13. CMS Documentation**

- A. D-SNP Contractor must submit to the DHCS contract manager, after execution of this Contract but no later than September 30, 2025, a complete and accurate copy of the Medicare Advantage bid as approved by CMS, as well as, any of the following materials (if not included in the approved bid):
  - 1) The current approved model of care, if not already submitted to DHCS.
  - 2) A list of approved Supplemental Benefits included in the initial annual Medicare Advantage bid submission to CMS.
  - 3) A list of approved Supplemental Benefits, inclusive of all benefits listed in the Supplemental Benefits definition in this Contract.

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**14. Medicare Deeming Period**

For those Members who have lost Medi-Cal eligibility, D-SNP Contractor is required to maintain enrollment for such Members for at least a three-month deeming period following notification that the Member lost Medi-Cal eligibility. This requirement does not preclude a D-SNP contractor from offering a longer deeming period. D-SNP Contractor should inform its DHCS Contract Manager of the deeming period that it will provide.

**15. Medicare Encounter Data Requirements**

D-SNP Contractor must submit to DHCS electronic records of all encounters, including encounters resulting in zero Medicare claims, monthly, in a mutually agreed upon format. Each encounter record must be specific to the Member and provider, listing all the data elements required for each service. This data will provide DHCS with information on services paid for by Medicare. Additional details regarding this requirement are fully outlined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide available on the DHCS website:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx>.

**16. Quality and Data Reporting**

D-SNP Contractor is responsible for reporting quality measures to DHCS. These quality measures are fully outlined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide available on the DHCS website:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx>.

**17. Additional Guidance**

- A. Pursuant to Medicare marketing and communications requirements outlined in 42 CFR section 422.2267 and section 423.2267, D-SNP Contractor must have a process for ensuring that Members can make a standing request to receive materials in alternative formats and in any non-English languages, at the time of request and on an ongoing basis thereafter. The process must include how D-SNP Contractor will keep a record of the Member's information and utilize it as an ongoing standing request so the Member does not need to make a separate request for each item of material, and how a Member can change a standing request for preferred language and/or format.
- B. For Marketing materials, D-SNP Contractor must include information

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about Medi-Cal Dental benefits in marketing materials. Additional details regarding this requirement are fully outlined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide available on the DHCS website:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx>.

- C. D-SNP Contractor must include information about Medi-Cal Dental benefits in any materials that provide Member information about D-SNP Dental Supplemental Benefits. Additional details regarding this requirement are fully outlined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide available on the DHCS website: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx>
- D. D-SNP Contractor must include information about Medi-Cal benefits in the Summary of Benefits. Additional details regarding this requirement are fully outlined in the 2026 CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide available on the DHCS website: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx>

**18. Noncompliance and Enforcement**

DHCS may implement enforcement actions to address Contractor's performance and compliance issues through monitoring and oversight activities. If DHCS finds the Contractor is noncompliant with any of the obligations set forth in this Contract, the D-SNP Policy Guide, or D-SNP Reporting Requirements, DHCS may require the Contractor to develop and submit a Corrective Action plan response designed to correct or resolve such noncompliance. Corrective Action includes specific identifiable activities or undertakings by the Contractor which address deficiencies or noncompliance. DHCS is not required to impose a Corrective Action plan on Contractor before any of the sanctions set forth in State and federal law. Noncompliance with this Contract may subject the Contractor to termination of the Contract by DHCS.

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1. APPROVAL: This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both parties and approved by the Department of General Services, if required. D-SNP Contractor may not commence performance until such approval has been obtained.
2. AMENDMENT: No amendment or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required. No oral understanding or Agreement not incorporated in the Agreement is binding on any of the parties.
3. ASSIGNMENT: This Agreement is not assignable by D-SNP Contractor, either in whole or in part, without the consent of the State in the form of a formal written amendment.
4. AUDIT: D-SNP Contractor agrees that the awarding department, the Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. D-SNP Contractor agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. D-SNP Contractor agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. (Government Code Section 8546.7, Public Contract Code Section 10115 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 1896).
5. INDEMNIFICATION: D-SNP Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, suppliers, laborers, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by D-SNP Contractor in the performance of this Agreement.
6. DISPUTES: D-SNP Contractor shall continue with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute.
7. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: The State may terminate this Agreement and be relieved of any payments should D-SNP Contractor fail to perform the requirements of this Agreement at the time and in the manner herein provided. In the event of such termination the State may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by the State. All costs to the State shall be deducted



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from any sum due to D-SNP Contractor under this Agreement and the balance, if any, shall be paid to D-SNP Contractor upon demand.

8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: D-SNP Contractor, and the agents and employees of D-SNP Contractor, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State.
9. RECYCLING CERTIFICATION: D-SNP Contractor shall certify in writing under penalty of perjury, the minimum, if not exact, percentage of post-consumer material as defined in the Public Contract Code Section 12200, in products, materials, goods, or supplies offered or sold to the State regardless of whether the product meets the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 12209. With respect to printer or duplication cartridges that comply with the requirements of Section 12156(e), the certification required by this subdivision shall specify that the cartridges so comply (Public Contract Code Section 12205).
10. NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE: During the performance of this Agreement, D-SNP Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. D-SNP Contractor shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. D-SNP Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. D-SNP Contractor shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Agreement.
11. CERTIFICATION CLAUSES: The CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION CLAUSES contained in the document CCC 307 are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement by this reference as if attached hereto.
12. TIMELINESS: Time is of the essence in this Agreement.
13. COMPENSATION:

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14. GOVERNING LAW: This D-SNP Contract is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
15. ANTITRUST CLAIMS:  
  
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16. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT:  
  
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17. UNENFORCEABLE PROVISION: In the event that any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, then the parties agree that all other provisions of this Agreement have force and effect and shall not be affected thereby.
18. PRIORITY HIRING CONSIDERATIONS: If this D-SNP Contract includes services in excess of \$200,000, D-SNP Contractor shall give priority consideration in filling vacancies in positions funded by the D-SNP Contract to qualified recipients of aid under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11200 in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10353.

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**1. Federal Equal Opportunity Requirements**

- A. D-SNP Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. D-SNP Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and career development opportunities and selection for training, including apprenticeship. D-SNP Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Federal Government or DHCS, setting forth the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the affirmative action clause required by the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 USC 4212). Such notices shall state D-SNP Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified applicants without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, sex, national origin physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era and the rights of applicants and employees.
- B. D-SNP Contractor will, in all solicitations or advancements for employees placed by or on behalf of D-SNP Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.
- C. D-SNP Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice, to be provided by the Federal Government or the State, advising the labor union or workers' representative of D-SNP Contractor's commitments under the provisions herein and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- D. D-SNP Contractor will comply with all provisions of and furnish all information and reports required by Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment

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Assistance Act of 1974 (38 USC 4212) and of the Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity', and as supplemented by regulation at 41 CFR 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

- E. D-SNP Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 CFR 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the State and its designated representatives and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- F. In the event of D-SNP Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of the provisions herein or with any federal rules, regulations, or orders which are referenced herein, this D-SNP Contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and D-SNP Contractor may be declared ineligible for further federal and State contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 CFR 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- G. D-SNP Contractor will include the Provisions of Paragraphs A through G in every purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 CFR 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," or Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or (38 USC 4212) of the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each vendor. D-SNP

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Contractor will take such action with respect to any purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs or DHCS may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance provided, however, that in the event D-SNP Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a vendor as a result of such direction by DHCS, D-SNP Contractor may request in writing to DHCS, who, in turn, may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State and of the United States.

**2. Travel and Per Diem Reimbursement**

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**3. Procurement Rules**

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**4. Equipment Ownership / Inventory / Disposition**

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**5. Subcontract Requirements**

[Intentionally Left Blank – Not applicable to this D-SNP Contract]

**6. Income Restrictions**

[Intentionally Left Blank – Not applicable to this D-SNP Contract]

**7. Audit and Record Retention**

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**8. Site Inspection**

The State, through any authorized representatives, has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed. If any inspection or evaluation is made of the premises of D-SNP Contractor, D-SNP Contractor shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the authorized representatives in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work.

**9. Federal Contract Funds**

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It is mutually understood between the parties that this D-SNP Contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of congressional appropriation of funds, for the mutual benefit of both parties, in order to avoid program and fiscal delays which would occur if the D-SNP Contract were executed after that determination was made.

**10. Intellectual Property Rights**

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**11. Air or Water Pollution Requirements**

Any federally funded agreement in excess of \$100,000 must comply with the following provisions unless said agreement is exempt under 40 CFR 15.5:

- A. Government contractors agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act [42 USC 1857(h)], Section 508 of the clean Water Act (33 USC 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15).
- B. Institutions of higher education, hospitals, nonprofit organizations and commercial businesses agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 et seq.), as amended, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1251 et seq.), as amended.

**12. Prior Approval of Training Seminars, Workshops or Conferences**

[Intentionally Left Blank – Not applicable to this D-SNP Contract]

**13. Confidentiality of Information**

- A. D-SNP Contractor and its employees, agents shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons either receiving services pursuant to this D-SNP Contract or persons whose names or identifying information become available or are disclosed to D-SNP Contractor, its employees or agents as a result of services performed under this D-SNP Contract, except for statistical information not identifying any such person.
- B. D-SNP Contractor and its employees or agents shall not use such identifying information for any purpose other than carrying out D-SNP Contractor's obligations under this D-SNP Contract.

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- C. D-SNP Contractor and its employees, or agents shall promptly transmit to the DHCS program contract manager all requests for disclosure of such identifying information not emanating from the client or person.
- D. D-SNP Contractor shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Contract or authorized by the client, any such identifying information to anyone other than DHCS without prior written authorization from the DHCS program contract manager.
- E. For purposes of this Provision, identity shall include, but not be limited to name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.
- F. As deemed applicable by DHCS, this Provision may be supplemented by additional terms and conditions covering personal health information (PHI) or personal, sensitive, and/or confidential information (PSCI). Said terms and conditions will be outlined in one or more exhibits that will either be attached to this D-SNP Contract or incorporated into this D-SNP Contract by reference.

**14. Documents, Publications and Written Reports**

[Intentionally Left Blank – Not applicable to this D-SNP Contract]

**15. Dispute Resolution Process**

[Intentionally Left Blank – Not applicable to this D-SNP Contract]

**16. Financial and Compliance Audit Requirements**

[Intentionally Left Blank – Not applicable to this D-SNP Contract]

**17. Human Subjects Use Requirements**

By signing this D-SNP Contract, D-SNP Contractor agrees that if any performance under this D-SNP Contract includes any tests or examination of materials derived from the human body for the purpose of providing information, diagnosis, prevention, treatment or assessment of disease, impairment, or health of a human being, all locations at which such examinations are performed shall meet the requirements of 42 USC 263a (CLIA) and the regulations thereto.

**18. Novation Requirements**

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**19. Debarment and Suspension Certification**

- A. By signing this D-SNP Contract, D-SNP Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal suspension and debarment regulations including, but not limited to 7 CFR 3017, 45 CFR 76, 40 CFR 32, or 34 CFR 85.
- B. By signing this D-SNP Contract, D-SNP Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- 1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency;
  - 2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this D-SNP Contract have been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - 3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in Subprovision B.(2) herein;
  - 4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this D-SNP Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default;
  - 5) Shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under federal regulations (i.e., 48 CFR 9, subpart 9.4), debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in such transaction, unless authorized by the State; and
  - 6) Will include a clause entitled, "Debarment and Suspension Certification" that essentially sets forth the provisions herein, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- C. If D-SNP Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the Contractor shall submit an explanation to the DHCS



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program funding this D-SNP Contract.

- D. The terms and definitions herein have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Federal Executive Order 12549.
- E. If D-SNP Contractor knowingly violates this certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the DHCS may terminate this D-SNP Contract for cause or default.

**20. Smoke-Free Workplace Certification**

- A. Public Law 103-227, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, early childhood development services, education or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by federal programs either directly or through state or local governments, by federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law also applies to children's services that are provided in indoor facilities that are constructed, operated, or maintained with such federal funds. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences; portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment; service providers whose sole source of applicable federal funds is Medicare or Medicaid; or facilities where Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) coupons are redeemed.
- B. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible party.
- C. By signing this D-SNP Contract, D-SNP Contractor certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act and will not allow smoking within any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of services for children as defined by the Act. The prohibitions herein are effective December 26, 1994.

**21. Covenant Against Contingent Fees**

D-SNP Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit/secure this D-SNP Contract upon an agreement of understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except *bona fide* employees or *bona fide* established commercial or selling agencies retained by D-SNP Contractor for the purpose

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of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, DHCS shall have the right to annul this D-SNP Contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the D-SNP Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, and brokerage or contingent fee.

**22. Payment Withholds**

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**23. Performance Evaluation**

DHCS may, at its discretion, evaluate the performance of D-SNP Contractor at the conclusion of this D-SNP Contract. If performance is evaluated, the evaluation shall not be a public record and shall remain on file with DHCS. Negative performance evaluations may be considered by DHCS prior to making future contract awards.

**24. Officials Not to Benefit**

No members of or delegate of Congress or the State Legislature shall be admitted to any share or part of this D-SNP Contract, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom. This Provision shall not be construed to extend to this D-SNP Contract if made with a corporation for its general benefits.

**25. Four-Digit Date Compliance**

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**26. Prohibited Use of State Funds for Software**

D-SNP Contractor certifies that it has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that State funds will not be used in the performance of this Contract for the acquisition, operation or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.

**27. Use of Small, Minority Owned and Women's Businesses**

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**28. Alien Ineligibility Certification**

By signing this D-SNP Contract, D-SNP Contractor certifies that he/she is not an alien that is ineligible for State and local benefits, as defined in Subtitle B of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act. (8 USC 1601, et.

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**29. Union Organizing**

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**30. Contract Uniformity (Fringe Benefit Allowability)**

[Intentionally Left Blank – Not applicable to this D-SNP Contract]

**31. Lobbying Restrictions and Disclosure Certification**

(Applicable to federally funded contracts in excess of \$100,000 per 31 USC Section 1352)

**A. Certification and Disclosure Requirements**

- 1) Each person (or recipient) who requests or receives a contract, grant, or sub-grant, which is subject to 31 USC Section 1352, and which exceeds \$100,000 at any tier, shall file a certification (in the form set forth in Attachment 1, consisting of one page, entitled “Certification Regarding Lobbying”) that the recipient has not made, and will not make, any payment prohibited by Paragraph B of this provision.
- 2) Each recipient shall file a disclosure (in the form set forth in Attachment 2, entitled “Standard Form-LLL ‘disclosure of Lobbying Activities’”) if such recipient has made or has agreed to make any payment using non appropriated funds (to include profits from any covered federal action) in connection with a contract or grant or any extension or amendment of that contract or grant, which would be prohibited under Paragraph b of this provision if paid for with appropriated funds.
- 3) Each recipient shall file a disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affect the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed by such person under Paragraph a(2) herein. An event that materially affects the accuracy of the information reported includes:
  - a) A cumulative increase of \$25,000 or more in the amount paid or expected to be paid for influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action;
  - b) A change in the person(s) or individuals(s) influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action; or

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- c) A change in the officer(s), employee(s), or member(s) contacted for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action.
- 4) Each person (or recipient) who requests or receives from a person referred to in Paragraph a(1) of this provision a contract, grant or sub-grant exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a contract or grant shall file a certification, and a disclosure form, if required, to the next tier above.
- 5) All disclosure forms (but not certifications) shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by the person referred to in Paragraph a(1) of this provision. That person shall forward all disclosure forms to DHCS program contract manager.

**B. Prohibition**

Section 1352 of Title 31, USC, provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered federal actions: the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

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As used in this D-SNP Contract, unless otherwise expressly provided or the context otherwise requires, the following definitions of terms will govern the construction of this D-SNP Contract:

1. **Aligned Enrollment**, means, per 42 CFR section 422.2, the Enrollment in a D-SNP of a full-benefit Dual-Eligible Beneficiary whose Medi-Cal benefits are covered under a Medi-Cal managed care organization contract under section 1903(m) of the Social Security Act between California and the D-SNP Contractor's MA organization, which is the D-SNP's parent organization, or another entity that is owned and controlled by the D-SNP Contractor's parent organization.
2. **Care Coordination or Coordination of Care** means a process used by a person or team to assist Members in accessing Medicare and Medi-Cal Services, as well as social, educational, and other support services, regardless of the funding source for the services. It is characterized by advocacy, communication, and resource management to promote quality, cost effectiveness, and positive outcomes.
3. **Care Coordinator** means a clinician or other trained individual who is employed or contracted by the Member's primary care provider or D-SNP Contractor, serves on one (1) or more Interdisciplinary Care Teams (ICT), and coordinates and facilitates meetings and other activities of those ICTs, as well as participates in the Health Risk Assessment of each Member on whose ICT they serve.
4. **Caregiver** means, per CY 2024 Physician Fee Schedule (Final Rule), an adult family member or other individual who has significant relationship with, and who provides a broad range of assistance to a Member with a chronic or other health condition, disability, or functional limitation, and a family member, friend, or neighbor who provides unpaid assistance to a Member with a chronic illness or disabling condition.
5. **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)** means the federal agency responsible for management of the Medicare and Medicaid programs.
6. **Confidential Information** means specific facts or documents identified as "confidential" by any law, regulations or contractual language.
7. **Covered Service(s)** means Care Coordination or Coordination of Care. This is the only service covered under this Contract.
8. **California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)** means the

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single State Department responsible for administration of the federal Medicaid Program (referred to as Medi-Cal in California), California Children Services (CCS), Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP), Child Health and Disabilities Prevention (CHDP), and other health related programs.

9. **D-SNP Contract** means this written agreement between DHCS and the D-SNP Contractor.
10. **Dementia Care Specialists** means D-SNP care coordinators/managers trained in understanding Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, symptoms, and progression; understanding and managing behaviors and communication problems; understanding caregiver stress and its management; and connecting enrollees and caregivers to community resources.
11. **Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)** means the federal agency responsible for management of the Medicare and Medicaid programs.
12. **Director** means the Director of the California Department of Health Care Services.
13. **Dual-Eligible Beneficiary** means an individual who is enrolled for benefits under Part A of Title 42 of the United States Code (commencing with Section 1395c) and Part B of Title 42 of the United States Code (commencing with Section 1395j) and is also eligible for medical assistance under the Medi-Cal State Plan.
14. **Enrollment** means the process by which a beneficiary eligible for enrollment as contained in Exhibit A, Attachment 1, Provision 5 becomes a Member of D-SNP Contractor's D-SNP.
15. **Exclusively Aligned Enrollment** means that State Policy has limited a D-SNP's membership to individuals with Aligned Enrollment.
16. **Facility** means any premise that is:
  - A. Owned, leased, used or operated directly or indirectly by or for D-SNP Contractor or its affiliates for purposes related to this Contract, or
  - B. Maintained by a Provider to provide services on behalf of D-SNP Contractor.

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17. **Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan (MCP)** means a managed care health plan that contracts with the Department of Health Care Services for provision or arrangement of Medi-Cal benefits and services. For the purposes of this Contract, this includes Subcontracted Delegate Health Plans.
18. **Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS)** means the Medi-Cal delivery system in which providers submit claims to and receive payments from DHCS for Medi-Cal Services rendered to Medi-Cal recipients.
19. **Medi-Cal Services** means all services covered by the Medi-Cal program as identified in Exhibit H, which is attached to this Contract.
20. **Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity** means reasonable and necessary medical services to protect life, to prevent significant illness or significant disability, or alleviate severe pain through the diagnosis or treatment of disease, illness, or injury, as required under W&I Code 14059.5(a) and Title 22 CCR Section 51303(a). Medically Necessary services includes Medi-Cal Services necessary to achieve age-appropriate growth and development, and attain, maintain, or regain functional capacity.
21. **Member** means any Dual-Eligible Beneficiary who is enrolled in with D-SNP Contractor.
22. **Service Area** means the county or counties that D-SNP Contractor is approved to operate in under the terms of this D-SNP Contract. A Service Area may have designated zip codes (under the U.S. Postal Service) within a county that are approved by DHCS to operate under the terms of this D-SNP Contract.
23. **State** means the State of California.
24. **Supplemental Benefits** means all of the following under Medicare Advantage definitions: Initial and Expansion Primarily Health Related Supplemental Benefits, Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill, and Value Based-Insurance Design Model benefits.
25. **Subcontracted Delegate Health Plan** means a health care service plan that is a subcontractor of a Medi-Cal MCP, and that DHCS determines to have assumed the entire financial risk for all Medi-Cal services provided to a Member who is covered under the

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applicable comprehensive risk contract of the Medi-Cal MCP.

- 26. Working day(s)** mean State calendar (State Appointment Calendar, Standard 101) working day(s).



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**1. Governing Law**

In addition to Exhibit C, Provision 14, Governing Law, D-SNP Contractor also agrees to the following:

- A. If it is necessary to interpret this D-SNP Contract, all applicable laws may be used as aids in interpreting the D-SNP Contract. However, the parties agree that any such applicable laws shall not be interpreted to create contractual obligations upon DHCS or D-SNP Contractor, unless such applicable laws are expressly incorporated into this D-SNP Contract in some section other than this provision, Governing Law. The parties agree that any remedies for DHCS' or D-SNP Contractor's non-compliance with laws not expressly incorporated into this D-SNP Contract, or any covenants implied to be part of this D-SNP Contract, shall not include money damages, but may include equitable remedies such as injunctive relief or specific performance. This D-SNP Contract is the product of mutual negotiation, and if any ambiguities should arise in the interpretation of this D-SNP Contract, both parties shall be deemed authors of this D-SNP Contract.

Any provision of this D-SNP Contract which is in conflict with current or future applicable federal or State laws or regulations is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of those laws and regulations. Such amendment of the D-SNP Contract will be effective on the effective date of the statutes or regulations necessitating it, and binding on the parties even though such amendment may not have been reduced to writing and formally agreed upon and executed by the parties.

- B. Such amendment will constitute grounds for termination of this D-SNP Contract in accordance with the procedures and provisions of Provision 17, Paragraph B, D-SNP Contractor-Initiated Termination below. The parties shall be bound by the terms of the amendment until the effective date of the termination.
- C. All existing policy guidance issued by DHCS, including the D-SNP Policy Guide, can be viewed at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Dual-Special-Needs-Plans-%28D-SNP%29-Contract-and-Program-Guide.aspx> and shall be complied with by D-SNP Contractor. All policy guidance issued by DHCS subsequent to the effective date of this D-SNP Contract must provide clarification of D-SNP Contractor's obligations pursuant to this D-SNP Contract, and may include instructions to D-

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SNP Contractor regarding implementation of mandated obligations pursuant to changes in State or federal statutes or regulations, or pursuant to judicial interpretation. In the event DHCS determines that there is an inconsistency between this D-SNP Contract and DHCS policy guidance, the D-SNP Contract shall prevail.

**2. Entire Agreement**

This written D-SNP Contract and any amendments constitute the entire agreement between the parties. No oral representations are binding on either party unless such representations are reduced to writing and made an amendment to the D-SNP Contract.

**3. Amendment Process**

In addition to Exhibit C, Provision 2, Amendment, D-SNP Contractor also agrees to the following:

Should either party, during the life of this D-SNP Contract, desire a change in this D-SNP Contract, that change shall be proposed in writing to the other party. The other party must acknowledge receipt of the proposal within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the proposal. The party proposing any such change has the right to withdraw the proposal any time prior to acceptance or rejection by the other party. Any proposal must set forth an explanation of the reason and basis for the proposed change and the text of the desired amendment to this D-SNP Contract which would provide for the change. If the proposal is accepted, this D-SNP Contract will be amended to provide for the change mutually agreed to by the parties on the condition that the amendment is approved by DHHS, and the State Department of Finance, if necessary.

**4. Change Requirements**

**A. General Provisions**

The parties recognize that during the life of this D-SNP Contract, the Medi-Cal Managed Care program will be a dynamic program requiring numerous changes to its operations and that the scope and complexity of changes will vary widely over the life of the D-SNP Contract. The parties agree that the development of a system which has the capability to implement such changes in an orderly and timely manner is of considerable importance.

**B. D-SNP Contractor's Obligation to Implement**

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The D-SNP Contractor must make changes mandated by DHCS. In the case of mandated changes in regulations, statutes, federal or State guidelines, or judicial interpretation, DHCS may direct the D-SNP Contractor to immediately begin implementation of any change by issuing a change order. If DHCS issues a change order, the D-SNP Contractor must implement the required changes while discussions are taking place. DHCS may, at any time, within the general scope of the D-SNP Contract, by written notice, issue change orders to the D-SNP Contract.

**5. Delegation of Authority**

DHCS intends to implement this D-SNP Contract through a single administrator, called the "Contracting Officer." The Director of DHCS will appoint the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer, on behalf of DHCS, will make all determinations and take all actions as are appropriate under this D-SNP Contract, subject to the limitations of applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. The Contracting Officer may delegate his/her authority to act to an authorized representative through written notice to D-SNP Contractor.

D-SNP Contractor will designate a single administrator; hereafter called the "Contractor's Representative." The Contractor's Representative, on behalf of D-SNP Contractor, will make all determinations and take all actions as are appropriate to implement this D-SNP Contract, subject to the limitations of the D-SNP Contract, federal and State laws and regulations. The Contractor's Representative may delegate their authority to act to an authorized representative through written notice to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor's Representative will be empowered to legally bind D-SNP Contractor to all agreements reached with DHCS. D-SNP Contractor shall designate Contractor's Representative in writing and shall notify the Contracting Officer in accordance with Exhibit E, Attachment 2, Provision 13, Notices.

**6. Authority of the State**

Sole authority to establish, define, or determine the reasonableness, the necessity and level and scope of Covered Services under the Medi-Cal program administered in this D-SNP Contract or coverage for such services, or the eligibility of the beneficiaries or providers to participate in the Medi-Cal Program resides with DHCS. Sole authority to establish or interpret policy and its application related to the above areas will reside with DHCS.

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D-SNP Contractor may not make any limitations, exclusions, or changes in Covered Services; any changes in definition or interpretation of Covered Services; or any changes in the administration of the D-SNP Contract related to the scope of Covered Services, allowable coverage for those Covered Services, or eligibility of beneficiaries or providers to participate in the program, without the express, written direction or approval of the Contracting Officer.

**7. Fulfillment of Obligations**

No covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking continued or made a part of this D-SNP Contract will be waived except by written agreement of the parties hereto, and forbearance or indulgence in any other form or manner by either party in any regard whatsoever will not constitute a waiver of the covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking to be kept, performed or discharged by the party to which the same may apply; and, until performance or satisfaction of all covenants, conditions, duties, obligations, and undertakings is complete, the other party will have the right to invoke any remedy available under this D-SNP Contract, or under law, notwithstanding such forbearance or indulgence.

**8. Prohibition Against Novations**

D-SNP Contractor must not enter any novation agreements without prior discussion with DHCS.

**9. Obtaining DHCS Approval**

D-SNP Contractor must obtain written approval from DHCS prior to commencement of operation under this D-SNP Contract:

- A. Within five (5) working days of receipt, DHCS must acknowledge in writing the receipt of any material sent to DHCS pursuant to this Provision.
- B. Within 60 calendar days of receipt, DHCS must make all reasonable efforts to approve in writing the use of such material provided to DHCS pursuant to this Provision to provide D-SNP Contractor with a written explanation why its use is not approved or provide a written estimated date of completion of DHCS' review process. If DHCS does not complete its review of submitted material within 60 calendar days of receipt, or within the estimated date of completion of DHCS review, D-SNP Contractor may elect

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to implement or use the material at D-SNP Contractor's sole risk and subject to possible subsequent disapproval by DHCS. This Provision must not be construed to imply DHCS approval of any material that has not received written DHCS approval.

**10. Program**

DHCS reserves the right to review and approve any changes to D-SNP Contractor's protocols, policies, and procedures as specified in this D-SNP Contract.

**11. Certifications**

D-SNP Contractor must comply with certification requirements set forth in 42 CFR 438.604 and 42 CFR 438.606.

In addition to Exhibit C, Provision 11, Certification Clauses, D-SNP Contractor also agrees to the following:

With respect to any report, invoice, record, papers, documents, books of account, or other Contract required data submitted, pursuant to the requirements of this D-SNP Contract, the D-SNP Contractor's Representative or their designee will certify, under penalty of perjury, that the report, invoice, record, papers, documents, books of account or other Contract required data is current, accurate, complete and in full compliance with legal and contractual requirements to the best of that individual's knowledge and belief, unless the requirement for such certification is expressly waived by DHCS in writing.

**12. Notices**

All notices to be given under this D-SNP Contract will be in writing and will be deemed to have been given when sent via certified mail or electronic mail (email). DHCS and D-SNP Contractor will designate email addresses for notices sent via email. Notices sent via certified mail must be addressed to the following DHCS and D-SNP Contractor contacts:

California Department of Health	[D-SNP Contractor Name]
Care Services	
Managed Care Operations Division	Attn: [Name, Title]
Attn: Michelle Retke, Division Chief	
MS 4408	[Address]
P.O. Box 997413	
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413	[City, State, Zip Code]

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**13. Term**

The D-SNP Contract is effective January 1, 2026, and continues in full force and effect through December 31, 2026.

**14. Service Area**

The Service Area covered under this D-SNP Contract is stated in Exhibit A, Provision 5, Coverage Area and Eligible Beneficiaries. All D-SNP Contract provisions apply separately to each county within the Service Area.

**15. D-SNP Contract Extension**

DHCS has the exclusive option to extend the term of this D-SNP Contract for any reason, in any county within the Service Area, with at least nine (9) months' written notice to D-SNP Contractor before the end of the D-SNP Contract term.

**16. Termination for Cause and Other Terminations**

In addition to Exhibit C, Provision 7, Termination for Cause, D-SNP Contractor also agrees to the following:

**A. DHCS-Initiated Terminations**

- 1) DHCS will terminate this D-SNP Contract in the event that the Director determines that the health and welfare of Members is jeopardized by the continuation of the D-SNP Contract. Termination pursuant to the requirements in this Provision's Paragraph A.1) will be effective immediately upon the provision of written notice provided by DHCS to D-SNP Contractor.
- 2) Termination for Cause
  - a) DHCS may terminate this D-SNP Contract should D-SNP Contractor fail to perform the requirements of this Contract. In the event of such termination, DHCS may proceed with providing the services required under this D-SNP Contract in any manner deemed proper by DHCS.
  - b) DHCS may terminate this D-SNP Contract in the event

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that D-SNP Contractor enters negotiations to change ownership or actually changes ownership, enters negotiations to assign or delegate its duties and obligations under this D-SNP Contract to another party or actually assigns or delegates its duties or obligations under the D-SNP Contract.

- c) Should DHCS terminate this D-SNP Contract for cause under this Provision's Paragraph A.2) of this D-SNP Contract, DHCS will provide D-SNP Contractor with at least 60 calendar days' notice prior to the effective date of termination, unless potential beneficiary harm requires a shorter notice period. D-SNP Contractor agrees that this notice provision is reasonable.

**B. D-SNP Contractor-Initiated Terminations**

D-SNP Contractor may only terminate this D-SNP Contract when a change in contractual obligations is created by a State or federal change in the Medi-Cal program, or a lawsuit, that substantially alters the conditions under which the D-SNP Contractor entered into this D-SNP Contract, such that the D-SNP Contractor can demonstrate this to the satisfaction of DHCS.

**C. Termination of Obligations**

All obligations to provide services under this D-SNP Contract will automatically terminate on the date the operations period ends.

**17. Disputes**

D-SNP Contractor must comply with and exhaust the requirements of this Provision when it initiates a contract dispute with DHCS. This Provision (Disputes) does not apply to challenges to Corrective Action plans as described in Exhibit A, Provision 18, or any other contract compliance action initiated by DHCS. In addition to Exhibit C, Provision 6, Disputes, D-SNP Contractor also agrees to the following:

This Disputes section will be used by the D-SNP Contractor as the means of seeking resolution of disputes on contractual issues.

**A. Disputes Resolution by Negotiation**

D-SNP Contractor agrees to make best efforts to resolve all

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contractual issues by negotiation and mutual agreement at the DHCS Contracting Officer level before appealing to the DHCS Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals (OAHA). D-SNP Contractor must exhaust OAHA's appeal process before filing a writ in Sacramento County Superior Court. During the negotiations to resolve Contractor's issues, DHCS and Contractor may agree, in writing, to an extension of time for continuing negotiations to resolve Contractor's dispute before the decision of the DHCS Contracting Officer is issued.

**B. Notice of Dispute**

- 1) Within 30 calendar days from the date the alleged dispute arises or otherwise becomes known to the D-SNP Contractor, the D-SNP Contractor must serve a written Notice of Dispute to the DHCS' Contracting Officer. D-SNP Contractor's failure to serve its Notice of Dispute within 30 calendar days from the date the alleged dispute arises or otherwise becomes known to D-SNP Contractor constitutes a waiver of all issues raised in D-SNP Contractor's Notice of Dispute.
- 2) D-SNP Contractor's Notice of Dispute must include, based on the most accurate and substantiating information then available to D-SNP Contractor, the following:
  - a) That it is a dispute subject to the procedures set forth in this Provision.
  - b) The date, nature, and circumstances of the conduct which is subject of the dispute.
  - c) The names, phone numbers, functions, and conduct of each D-SNP Contractor and DHCS/State official or employee involved in or knowledgeable about the alleged issue that is the subject of the dispute.
  - d) The identification of any substantiating documents and the substances of any oral communications that are relevant to the alleged conduct. Copies of all identified documents will be attached.
  - e) Copies of all substantiating documentation and any



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other evidence.

- f) The factual and legal bases supporting Contractor's Notice of Dispute.
  - g) The cost impact to D-SNP Contractor directly attributable to the alleged conduct, if any.
  - h) D-SNP Contractor's desired remedy:
- 3) The required documentation set forth above, in this Provision's Paragraph B.2), will serve as the basis for any subsequent appeal.
  - 4) After D-SNP Contractor submits its Notice of Dispute with all accurate available substantiating documentation, D-SNP Contractor must comply with the requirements of Title 22, CCR, Section 53851(d) and must diligently continue performance of this D-SNP Contract, including compliance with contract requirements that are the subject of, or related to, D-SNP Contractor's Notice of Dispute.
  - 5) If D-SNP Contractor requests and DHCS agrees, D-SNP Contractor's Notice of Dispute may be decided by an Alternate Dispute Officer (ADO). DHCS will designate an ADO who was not directly involved in the alleged conduct that prompted D-SNP Contractor's Notice of Dispute.
  - 6) Any appeal of the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO's decision to OAHCA or a writ seeking review of OAHCA's decision in Sacramento County Superior Court is limited to the issues and arguments set forth and properly documented in D-SNP Contractor's Notice of Dispute, that were not waived or resolved.

**C. The DHCS Contracting Officer's or ADO's Decision**

Any disputes concerning performance of this D-SNP Contract will be decided by the DHCS Contracting Officer or the ADO in a written decision stating the factual basis for the decision. Within 30 calendar days of receipt of a Notice of Dispute, the Contracting Officer or the ADO must either:

- 1) Find in favor of D-SNP Contractor, in which case the DHCS

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Contracting Officer or ADO may correct the earlier conduct which caused D-SNP Contractor to file a dispute; or

- 2) Deny D-SNP Contractor's dispute and, where necessary, direct the manner of future performance; or
- 3) Request additional substantiating documentation in the event the information in D-SNP Contractor's notification is inadequate to permit a decision to be made under Paragraphs B.2) or C.1) above. If the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO determines that additional substantiating information is required, they will provide D-SNP Contractor with a written request identifying the issue(s) requiring additional substantiating documentation. D-SNP Contractor must provide that additional substantiating documentation no later than 30 calendar days from receipt of the request. Upon receipt of this additional requested substantiating information, the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO has 30 calendar days to issue a decision. Failure to supply additional substantiating information requested by the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO, or otherwise notify the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO that no additional documents exist, within the time period specified above constitutes D-SNP Contractor's waiver of issues raised in D-SNP Contractor's Notice of Dispute.

A copy of the decision must be served on D-SNP Contractor.

**D. Appeal of Contracting Officer's or Alternate Dispute Officer's Decision**

- 1) D-SNP Contractor will have 30 calendar days following the receipt of the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO's decision to appeal the decision to the Director, through the OAHA. All of D-SNP Contractor's appeals are governed by Health and Safety Code, section 100171, except Government Code section 11511 will not apply.
- 2) All of D-SNP Contractor's appeals must be in writing and be filed with the OAHA and a copy sent to the Chief Counsel of DHCS and the DHCS Contract Manager. D-SNP Contractor's appeal will be deemed filed on the date it is received by the OAHA. D-SNP Contractor's appeal will be known as Statement of Disputed Issues and must specifically set forth the unresolved issue(s) that remain in dispute and issues that

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have not been waived because of D-SNP Contractor's failure to provide all substantiating documentation to DHCS, as specified in Paragraph C of this Provision, and include D-SNP Contractor's contentions as to those issues. Additionally, D-SNP Contractor's appeal will be limited to those issues raised in its Notice of Dispute filed pursuant to Paragraph B, Notification of Dispute that have not been resolved or waived.

- 3) D-SNP Contractor has the burden of proof of demonstrating that its position is correct and must show by a preponderance of evidence that:
  - a) DHCS acted improperly such that it breached this Contract; and
  - b) D-SNP Contractor sustained a cost impact directly related to DHCS' breach.
- 4) OAHA's jurisdiction is limited to issues and arguments raised in the Notice of Dispute that were not waived by the untimely filing of the Notice of Dispute or Statement of Disputed Issues, or by D-SNP's Contractor's failure to provide all requested substantiating documentation requested by the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO, or by D-SNP's Contractor failure to notify the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO that no additional documents exist within the required timeframe as required in Paragraph C.3), or otherwise resolved by D-SNP Contractor and DHCS.

**E. No Obligation to Pay Interest**

If D-SNP Contractor prevails on its Notice of Dispute pursuant to a DHCS Contracting Officer's or ADO's decision, an OAHA decision, or an order or decision issued by the Sacramento County Superior Court or any California court of appeal, DHCS will not be required to pay interest on any amounts found to be due or owing to D-SNP Contractor arising out of the Notice of Dispute or any subsequent litigation.

**F. D-SNP Contractor Duty to Perform**

D-SNP Contractor must comply with all requirements of 22 CCR section 53851(d) and continue to perform all obligations under this D-SNP Contract, including continuing D-SNP Contract

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requirements that are the subject of, or related to, D-SNP Contractor's Notice of Dispute until there is a final decision from the DHCS Contracting Officer, the ADO or a decision on an appeal in Sacramento County Superior Court or any California court of appeal or California Supreme Court.

**G. Waiver of Claims**

D-SNP Contractor waives all claims or issues if it fails to timely submit a Notice of Dispute with all substantiating documents within the timeframes set forth in Paragraph B of this Provision. D-SNP Contractor also waives all claims or issues set forth in its Notice of Dispute if it fails to timely submit all additional substantiating documentation within 30 calendar days at the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO's request, or if it fails to notify the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO, within 30 calendar days of DHCS Contracting Officer's or ADO's request, that no additional documents exist. D-SNP Contractor also waives all claims or issues set forth in its Notice of Dispute if it fails to timely appeal the DHCS Contracting Officer or ADO's decision in the manner and within the time specified in this Provision 18. D-SNP Contractor's waiver includes all damages whether direct or consequential in nature.

**18. Audit**

In addition to Exhibit C, Provision 4, Audit, D-SNP Contractor also agrees to the following:

D-SNP Contractor must maintain such books and records necessary to disclose how D-SNP Contractor discharged its obligations under this D-SNP Contract. These books and records will disclose the quantity of Covered Services provided under this D-SNP Contract, the quality of those services, the manner for those services, the persons eligible to receive Covered Services, and the manner in which D-SNP Contractor administered its daily business.

**A. Books and Records**

These books and records include, but are not limited to, all physical records originated or prepared pursuant to the performance under this D-SNP Contract including working papers; reports submitted to DHCS; all medical records, medical charts and prescription files; and other documentation pertaining to Covered Services rendered

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to Members.

**B. Records Retention**

Notwithstanding any other records retention time period set forth in this D-SNP Contract, these books and records must be maintained for a minimum of five years from the end of the current Fiscal Year in which the date of service occurred; in which the record or data was created or applied; and for which the financial record was created or the D-SNP Contract is terminated, or, in the event D-SNP Contractor has been duly notified that DHCS, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Department of Justice (DOJ) or the Comptroller General of the United States, or their duly authorized representatives, have commenced an audit or investigation of the D-SNP Contract, until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved, whichever is later.

**19. Inspection Rights**

In addition to Exhibit D(F), Provision 8, Site Inspection, D-SNP Contractor also agrees to the following:

- A. Through the end of the records retention period specified in Provision 23, Audit, Paragraph B, Records Retention above, D-SNP Contractor must allow the DHCS, DHHS, the Comptroller General of the United States, DOJ Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud, Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC), and other authorized State agencies, or their duly authorized representatives, including DHCS' external quality review organization contractor, to audit, inspect, monitor or otherwise evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed under this D-SNP Contract, and to inspect, evaluate, and audit any and all premises, books, records, equipment, contracts, computers, or other electronic systems and facilities maintained by D-SNP Contractor pertaining to these services at any time during normal business hours. Books and records include, but are not limited to, all physical records originated or prepared pursuant to the performance under this Contract, including working papers, reports, and books of account, medical records, prescription files, laboratory results, information systems and procedures, and any other documentation pertaining to medical and non-medical services rendered to Members. Upon request, through the end of the records retention period specified in Provision 23, Audit, Paragraph B, Records Retention above, D-SNP Contractor must furnish any record, or copy of it, to DHCS or any

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other entity listed in this section, at D-SNP Contractor's sole expense.

**B. Access Requirements and State's Right to Monitor**

Authorized State and federal agencies have the right to monitor all aspects of the D-SNP Contractor's operation for compliance with the provisions of this D-SNP Contract and applicable federal and State laws and regulations. Such monitoring activities include, but are not limited to, inspection and auditing of D-SNP Contractor and provider management systems and procedures, and books and records as the Director deems appropriate, at any time during the D-SNP Contractor's normal business hours. The monitoring activities may be announced or unannounced.

**20. Confidentiality of Information**

In addition to Exhibit D(F), Provision 13, Confidentiality of Information, D-SNP Contractor also agrees to the following duties and responsibilities with respect to confidentiality of information and data:

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this D-SNP Contract, names of persons receiving public social services are confidential and are to be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Title 42, CFR, Section 431.300 et seq., Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14100.2, and regulations adopted thereunder. For the purpose of this D-SNP Contract, all information, records, data, and data elements collected and maintained for the operation of the D-SNP Contract and pertaining to Members shall be protected by D-SNP Contractor from unauthorized disclosure.

D-SNP Contractor may release medical records in accordance with applicable law pertaining to the release of this type of information. D-SNP Contractor is not required to report requests for medical records made in accordance with applicable law. Exhibit G is hereby incorporated into this Contract by reference.

- B. With respect to any identifiable information concerning a Member under this D-SNP Contract that is obtained by D-SNP Contractor, D-SNP Contractor:
- 1) Will not use any such information for any purpose other than carrying out the express terms of this D-SNP Contract;

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- 2) Will promptly transmit to DHCS all requests for disclosure of such information, except requests for medical records in accordance with applicable law;
- 3) Will not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this D-SNP Contract, any such information to any party other than DHCS without DHCS' prior written authorization specifying that the information is releasable under 42 CFR, Section 431.300 et seq., Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14100.2, and regulations adopted thereunder; and
- 4) Will, at the termination of this D-SNP Contract, return all such information to DHCS or maintain such information according to written procedures sent to D-SNP Contractor by DHCS for this purpose.

**21. Third-Party Tort and Workers' Compensation Liability**

D-SNP Contractor must identify and notify the DHCS Third Party Liability and Recovery Division of all instances or cases in which D-SNP Contractor believes an action by the Medi-Cal Member involving casualty insurance or tort or Workers' Compensation liability of a third party could result in recovery by the Member of funds to which DHCS has lien rights under Welfare and Institutions Code Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 14124.70), Part 3, Division 9, D-SNP Contractor shall make no claim for recovery of the value of case management rendered to a Member in such cases or instances and such case or instance shall be referred to the DHCS Third Party Liability and Recovery Division within ten (10) calendar days of discovery. To assist DHCS in exercising its responsibility for such recoveries, D-SNP Contractor shall meet the following requirements:

- A. If DHCS requests service information and/or copies of reports for Covered Services to an individual Member, D-SNP Contractor must deliver the requested information within 30 calendar days of the request.
- B. Information to be delivered must contain the following data items:
  - 1) Member name.
  - 2) Full 14-digit Medi-Cal number.
  - 3) Social Security Number.

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- 4) Date of birth.
- 5) Diagnosis code and description of illness/injury (if known).
- 6) Procedure code and/or description of services rendered (if known).
- C. D-SNP Contractor must identify to the DHCS Third Party Liability and Recovery Division the name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for receiving and complying with requests for mandatory and/or optional at-risk service information.
- D. If D-SNP Contractor receives any requests from attorneys, insurers, or beneficiaries for copies of referrals, D-SNP Contractor must refer the request to the Third Party Liability and Recovery Division with the information contained in Paragraph B above, and provide the name, address and telephone number of the requesting party.
- E. Use the [TPLManagedCare@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:TPLManagedCare@dhcs.ca.gov) inbox for all communications regarding D-SNP Contractor's service and utilization information, and paid invoices and claims submissions, to submit questions or comments related to the preparation and submission of these reports, and for issues related to accessing the secure file transfer protocol folders.

**22. Records Related To Recovery for Litigation**

- A. Upon request by DHCS, D-SNP Contractor must timely gather, preserve and provide to DHCS, in the form and manner specified by DHCS, any information specified by DHCS, subject to any lawful privileges, in D-SNP Contractor's possession, relating to threatened or pending litigation by or against DHCS.
- B. If D-SNP Contractor asserts that any requested documents are covered by a privilege, D-SNP Contractor must:
  - 1) Identify such privileged documents with sufficient particularity to reasonably identify the document while retaining the privilege; and
  - 2) State the privilege being claimed that supports withholding production of the document.



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- C. Such a request must include, but is not limited to, a response to a request for documents submitted by any party in any litigation by or against DHCS. D-SNP Contractor acknowledges that time may be of the essence in responding to such request. D-SNP Contractor must use all reasonable efforts to immediately notify DHCS of any subpoenas, document production requests, or requests for records, received by D-SNP Contractor related to this D-SNP Contract.

**23. Equal Opportunity Employer**

D-SNP Contractor must comply with all applicable federal and State employment discrimination laws. D-SNP Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the D-SNP Contractor, state that it is an equal opportunity employer, and will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by DHCS, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the D-SNP Contractor's commitment as an equal opportunity employer and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

**24. Discrimination Prohibitions**

**A. Member Discrimination Prohibition**

D-SNP Contractor must not unlawfully discriminate against Members or beneficiaries eligible for enrollment into Contractor's D-SNP on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, creed, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information marital status, gender, gender identity, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or identification with any other persons or groups defined in Penal Code 422.56, in accordance with the statutes identified in Exhibit E, Attachment 2, Provision 26 below, rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, or as otherwise provided by law or regulations. For the purpose of this D-SNP Contract, discrimination includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1) Denying any Member case any Covered Services;
- 2) Providing to a Member any Covered Service which is different, or is provided in a different manner or at a different time from

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that provided to other Members under this Contract except where medically indicated;

- 3) Subjecting a Member to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to the receipt of any Covered Service;
- 4) Restricting a Member in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any Covered Service, treating a Member or a beneficiary eligible for enrollment into the Contractor's D-SNP differently from others in determining whether he or she satisfies any admission, Enrollment, quota, eligibility, membership, or other requirement or condition which individuals must meet in order to be provided any Covered Service;
- 5) Assigning times or places for the provision of services on the basis of the sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, creed, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or identification with any other persons or groups defined in Penal Code 422.56.
- 6) Failing to make Auxiliary Aids available, or to make reasonable accommodations in policies, practices, or procedures, when necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability;
- 7) Failing to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Members and potential enrollees.
- 8) D-SNP Contractor must take affirmative action to ensure that Members are provided Covered Services without regard to sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, creed, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or identification with any other persons or groups defined in Penal Code 422.56, except as needed to provide equal access to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Members or Members with disabilities, or as medically indicated.
- 9) For the purposes of this section, physical handicap includes the carrying of a gene which may, under some circumstances,

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be associated with disability in that person's offspring, but which causes no adverse effects on the carrier. Such genes will include, but are not limited to, Tay-Sachs trait, sickle cell trait, thalassemia trait, and X-linked hemophilia.

**B. Discrimination Related to Health Status**

D-SNP Contractor must not discriminate among eligible individuals on the basis of their health status requirements or requirements for health care services during Enrollment, re-enrollment or disenrollment. D-SNP Contractor will not terminate the Enrollment of an eligible individual based on an adverse change in the Member's health.

**25. Federal and State Nondiscrimination Requirements**

D-SNP Contractor must comply with all applicable federal requirements in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (regarding education programs and activities, as amended); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; Titles I and II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; and federal implementing regulations issued under the above-listed statutes. D-SNP Contractor shall also comply with California nondiscrimination requirements, including, without limitation, the Unruh Civil Rights Act, Sections 7405 and 11135 of the Government Code, Section 14029.91 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and state implementing regulations.

**26. Discrimination Grievances**

D-SNP Contractor must process a grievance for discrimination as required by APL 25-005, and in accordance with federal and State nondiscrimination law as stated in 45 CFR section 84.7; 34 CFR section 106.8; 28 CFR section 35.107; and W&I Code section 14029.91(e)(4).

- A. D-SNP Contractor must designate a discrimination grievance coordinator responsible for ensuring compliance with federal and State nondiscrimination requirements, and investigating discrimination grievances related to any action that would be prohibited by, or out of compliance with, federal or State nondiscrimination law.

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- B. D-SNP Contractor must adopt procedures to ensure the prompt and equitable resolution of discrimination grievances by D-SNP Contractor. D-SNP Contractor will not require a Member or potential enrollee to file a discrimination grievance with D-SNP Contractor before filing with the DHCS Office of Civil Rights or the U.S. Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights.
- C. Within ten calendar days of mailing a discrimination grievance resolution letter, D-SNP Contractor must submit the following information regarding the discrimination grievance in a secure format to the DHCS Office of Civil Rights:
  - 1) The original discrimination grievance;
  - 2) The provider's or other accused party's response to the discrimination grievance;
  - 3) Contact information for the personnel primarily responsible for investigating and responding to the discrimination grievance on behalf of D-SNP Contractor;
  - 4) Contact information for the person filing the discrimination grievance, and for the provider or other accused party that is the subject of the discrimination grievance;
  - 5) All correspondence with the person filing the discrimination grievance regarding the discrimination grievance, including, but not limited to, the discrimination grievance acknowledgment letter and resolution letter; and
  - 6) The results of D-SNP Contractor's investigation, copies of any corrective action taken, and any other information that is relevant to the allegation(s) of discrimination.

**27. Nondiscrimination Notice and Notice of Availability**

- A. D-SNP Contractor must post (1) a DHCS-approved nondiscrimination notice, and (2) Notice of Availability in a conspicuously visible font size in English, the threshold languages, and at least the top 15 non-English languages in the State, and any

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other languages, as determined by DHCS, explaining the availability of free language assistance services, including written translation and oral interpretation, and information on how to request Auxiliary Aids and services, including materials in alternative formats. The nondiscrimination notice and Notice of Availability shall include D-SNP Contractor's toll-free and TTY/TDD telephone number for obtaining these services, and shall be posted in the Member Services Guide/Evidence of Coverage, and in all Member information, informational notices, and materials critical to obtaining services targeted to Members, potential Members, applicants, and members of the public, in accordance with APL 25-005 and APL 22-002, 42 CFR section 438.10(d)(2)-(3), Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, and W&I Code section 14029.91(f) and 14029.92(c).

- B. D-SNP Contractor's nondiscrimination notice must include all information required by W&I Code section 14029.91(e) and APL 25-005, any additional information required by DHCS, and must provide information on how to file a discrimination grievance with:
- 1) Both D-SNP Contractor and the DHCS Office of Civil Rights, if there is a concern of discrimination in the Medi-Cal program based on sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation or identification with any other persons or groups defined in Penal Code 422.56. (W&I Code section 14029.91(e); H&S Code section 11135; and
  - 2) The United States Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights if there is a concern of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, per W & I Code section 14029.91(e).

**28. Small Business Participation and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) Reporting Requirements**

- A. D-SNP Contractor must comply with applicable requirements of California law relating to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) commencing at Public Contract Code section 10230.
- B. If for this D-SNP Contract, D-SNP Contractor made a commitment to achieve small business participation, then D-SNP Contractor must annually and within 60 calendar days of receiving final payment under

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this D-SNP Contract report to DHCS the actual percentage of small business participation that was achieved per Government Code section 14841.

- C. If for this D-SNP Contract, D-SNP Contractor made a commitment to achieve DVBE participation, then D-SNP Contractor must annually and within 60 calendar days of receiving final payment under this D-SNP Contract certify in a report to DHCS the following:
- 1) The total amount Contractor received under the Contract;
  - 2) The name and address of the DVBE(s) that participated in the performance of the Contract;
  - 3) The amount each DVBE received from Contractor;
  - 4) That all payments under the Contract have been made to the DVBE; and
  - 5) The actual percentage of DVBE participation that was achieved, per Mil. & Vets. Code section 999.5(d), and Government Code section 14841.

**29. Word Usage**

Unless the context of this D-SNP Contract clearly requires otherwise, (a) the plural and singular numbers is deemed to include the other; (b) the masculine, feminine, and neuter genders shall each be deemed to include the others; (c) "shall," "will," "must," or "agrees" are mandatory, and "may" is permissive; (d) "or" is not exclusive; and (e) "includes" and "including" are not limiting.

**30. Federal False Claims Act Compliance**

Effective January 1, 2007, D-SNP Contractor must comply with 42 USC Section 1396a (a)(68), Employee Education About False Claims Recovery, as a condition of receiving payments under this D-SNP Contract. Upon request by DHCS, D-SNP Contractor must demonstrate compliance with this provision, which may include providing DHCS with copies of D-SNP Contractor's applicable written policies and procedures and any relevant employee handbook excerpts.

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1. This Agreement has been determined to constitute a business associate relationship under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and its implementing privacy and security regulations at 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, and as used in this Agreement).
2. The term "Agreement" as used in this document refers to and includes both this Business Associate Addendum and the contract to which this Business Associate Agreement is attached as an exhibit, if any.
3. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Business Associate" shall have the same meaning as set forth in 45 CFR section 160.103.
4. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) intends that Business Associate may create, receive, maintain, transmit or aggregate certain information pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, some of which information may constitute Protected Health Information (PHI) and/or confidential information protected by Federal and/or state laws.
  - 4.1 As used in this Agreement and unless otherwise stated, the term "PHI" refers to and includes both "PHI" as defined at 45 CFR section 160.103 and Personal Information (PI) as defined in the Information Practices Act at California Civil Code section 1798.3(a). PHI includes information in any form, including paper, oral, and electronic.
  - 4.2 As used in this Agreement, the term "confidential information" refers to information not otherwise defined as PHI in Section 4.1 of this Agreement, but to which state and/or federal privacy and/or security protections apply.
5. D-SNP Contractor (however named elsewhere in this Agreement) is the Business Associate of DHCS acting on DHCS's behalf and provides services or arranges, performs or assists in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of DHCS, and may create, receive, maintain, transmit, aggregate, use or disclose PHI (collectively, "use or disclose PHI") in order to fulfill Business Associate's obligations under this Agreement. DHCS and Business Associate are each a party to this Agreement and are collectively referred to as the "parties."
6. The terms used in this Agreement, but not otherwise defined, shall have the same meanings as those terms in HIPAA. Any reference to statutory or regulatory language shall be to such language as in effect or as amended.
7. **Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PHI by Business Associate.** Except as otherwise indicated in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI only to perform functions, activities or services specified in this Agreement

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on behalf of DHCS, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate HIPAA if done by DHCS.

**7.1 Specific Use and Disclosure Provisions.** Except as otherwise indicated in this Agreement, Business Associate may use and disclose PHI if necessary for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate. Business Associate may disclose PHI for this purpose if the disclosure is required by law, or the Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware that the confidentiality of the information has been breached.

**8. Compliance with Other Applicable Law**

**8.1** To the extent that other state and/or federal laws provide additional, stricter and/or more protective (collectively, more protective) privacy and/or security protections to PHI or other confidential information covered under this Agreement beyond those provided through HIPAA, Business Associate agrees:

**8.1.1** To comply with the more protective of the privacy and security standards set forth in applicable state or federal laws to the extent such standards provide a greater degree of protection and security than HIPAA or are otherwise more favorable to the individuals whose information is concerned; and

**8.1.2** To treat any violation of such additional and/or more protective standards as a breach or security incident, as appropriate, pursuant to Section 18. of this Agreement.

**8.2** Examples of laws that provide additional and/or stricter privacy protections to certain types of PHI and/or confidential information, as defined in Section 4. of this Agreement, include, but are not limited to the Information Practices Act, California Civil Code sections 1798-1798.78, Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 CFR Part 2, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5328, and California Health and Safety Code section 11845.5.

**8.3** If Business Associate is a Qualified Service Organization (QSO) as defined in 42 CFR section 2.11, Business Associate agrees to be bound by and comply with subdivisions (2)(i) and (2)(ii) under the definition of QSO in 42 CFR section 2.11.



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**9. Additional Responsibilities of Business Associate**

**9.1 Nondisclosure.** Business Associate shall not use or disclose PHI or other confidential information other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as required by law.

**9.2 Safeguards and Security.**

**9.2.1** Business Associate shall use safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of PHI and other confidential data and comply, where applicable, with subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information, to prevent use or disclosure of the information other than as provided for by this Agreement. Such safeguards shall be, at a minimum, at Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 199 protection levels.

**9.2.2** Business Associate shall, at a minimum, utilize an industry-recognized security framework when selecting and implementing its security controls, and shall maintain continuous compliance with its selected framework as it may be updated from time to time. Examples of industry-recognized security frameworks include but are not limited to

**9.2.2.1** NIST SP 800-53 – National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-53

**9.2.2.2** FedRAMP – Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program

**9.2.2.3** PCI – PCI Security Standards Council

**9.2.2.4** ISO/ESC 27002 – International Organization for Standardization / International Electrotechnical Commission standard 27002

**9.2.2.5** IRS PUB 1075 – Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075

**9.2.2.6** HITRUST CSF – HITRUST Common Security Framework

**9.2.3** Business Associate shall maintain, at a minimum, industry standards for transmission and storage of PHI and other confidential information.

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- 9.2.4** Business Associate shall apply security patches and upgrades, and keep virus software up-to-date, on all systems on which PHI and other confidential information may be used.
- 9.2.5** Business Associate shall ensure that all members of its workforce with access to PHI and/or other confidential information sign a confidentiality statement prior to access to such data. The statement must be renewed annually.
- 9.2.6** Business Associate shall identify the security official who is responsible for the development and implementation of the policies and procedures required by 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C.
- 9.3 Business Associate's Agent.** Business Associate shall ensure that any agents, subcontractors, subawardees, vendors or others (collectively, "agents") that use or disclose PHI and/or confidential information on behalf of Business Associate agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI and/or confidential information.
- 10. Mitigation of Harmful Effects.** Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI and other confidential information in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- 11. Access to PHI.** Business Associate shall make PHI available in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.524.
- 12. Amendment of PHI.** Business Associate shall make PHI available for amendment and incorporate any amendments to protected health information in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.526.
- 13. Accounting for Disclosures.** Business Associate shall make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.528.
- 14. Compliance with DHCS Obligations.** To the extent Business Associate is to carry out an obligation of DHCS under 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E, comply with the requirements of the subpart that apply to DHCS in the performance of such obligation.
- 15. Access to Practices, Books and Records.** Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI on behalf of DHCS available to DHCS upon reasonable request, and to the

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federal Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining DHCS' compliance with 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E.

**16. Return or Destroy PHI on Termination; Survival.** At termination of this Agreement, if feasible, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI and other confidential information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, DHCS that Business Associate still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information. If return or destruction is not feasible, Business Associate shall notify DHCS of the conditions that make the return or destruction infeasible, and DHCS and Business Associate shall determine the terms and conditions under which Business Associate may retain the PHI. If such return or destruction is not feasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to the information and limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible.

**17. Special Provision for SSA Data.** If Business Associate receives data from or on behalf of DHCS that was verified by or provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA data) and is subject to an agreement between DHCS and SSA, Business Associate shall provide, upon request by DHCS, a list of all employees and agents and employees who have access to such data, including employees and agents of its agents, to DHCS.

**18. Breaches and Security Incidents.** Business Associate shall implement reasonable systems for the discovery and prompt reporting of any breach or security incident, and take the following steps:

**18.1 Notice to DHCS.**

**18.1.1** Business Associate shall notify DHCS **immediately** upon the discovery of a suspected breach or security incident that involves SSA data. This notification will be provided by email upon discovery of the breach. If Business Associate is unable to provide notification by email, then Business Associate shall provide notice by telephone to DHCS.

**18.1.2** Business Associate shall notify DHCS **within 24 hours by email** (or by telephone if Business Associate is unable to email DHCS) of the discovery of:

**18.1.2.1** Unsecured PHI if the PHI is reasonably believed to have been accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person;

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**18.1.2.2** Any suspected security incident which risks unauthorized access to PHI and/or other confidential information;

**18.1.2.3** Any intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI in violation of this Agreement; or

**18.1.2.4** Potential loss of confidential data affecting this Agreement.

**18.1.3** Notice shall be provided to the DHCS Program Contract Manager (as applicable), the DHCS Privacy Office, and the DHCS Information Security Office (collectively, "DHCS Contacts") using the DHCS Contact Information at Section 18.6. below.

Notice shall be made using the current DHCS "Privacy Incident Reporting Form" ("PIR Form"; the initial notice of a security incident or breach that is submitted is referred to as an "Initial PIR Form") and shall include all information known at the time the incident is reported. The form is available online at

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/priv/Documents/Privacy-Incident-Report-PIR.pdf>.

Upon discovery of a breach or suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI, Business Associate shall take:

**18.1.3.1** Prompt action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the security incident or breach; and

**18.1.3.2** Any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State law.

**18.2 Investigation.** Business Associate shall immediately investigate such security incident or confidential breach.

**18.3 Complete Report.** To provide a complete report of the investigation to the DHCS contacts within ten (10) working days of the discovery of the security incident or breach. This "Final PIR" must include any applicable additional information not included in the Initial Form. The Final PIR Form shall include an assessment of all known factors relevant to a determination of whether a breach occurred under HIPAA and other applicable federal and state laws. The report shall also include a full, detailed corrective action plan, including its implementation date and information on mitigation measures taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure. If DHCS requests information in addition to

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that requested through the PIR form, Business Associate shall make reasonable efforts to provide DHCS with such information. A "Supplemental PIR" may be used to submit revised or additional information after the Final PIR is submitted. DHCS will review and approve or disapprove Business Associate's determination of whether a breach occurred, whether the security incident or breach is reportable to the appropriate entities, if individual notifications are required, and Business Associate's corrective action plan.

**18.3.1** If Business Associate does not complete a Final PIR within the ten (10) working day timeframe, Business Associate shall request approval from DHCS within the ten (10) working day timeframe of a new submission timeframe for the Final PIR.

**18.4 Notification of Individuals.** If the cause of a breach is attributable to Business Associate or its agents, Business Associate shall notify individuals accordingly and shall pay all costs of such notifications, as well as all costs associated with the breach. The notifications shall comply with applicable federal and state law. DHCS shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications and their review and approval must be obtained before the notifications are made.

**18.5 Responsibility for Reporting of Breaches to Entities Other than DHCS.** If the cause of a breach of PHI is attributable to Business Associate or its subcontractors, Business Associate is responsible for all required reporting of the breach as required by applicable federal and state law.

**18.6 DHCS Contact Information.** To direct communications to the above referenced DHCS staff, D-SNP Contractor shall initiate contact as indicated here. DHCS reserves the right to make changes to the contact information below by giving written notice to Business Associate. These changes shall not require an amendment to this Agreement.

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<b>DHCS Program Contract Manager</b>	<b>DHCS Privacy Office</b>	<b>DHCS Information Security Office</b>
See the Scope of Work Exhibit for Program Contract Manager information. If this Business Associate Agreement is not attached as an exhibit to a contract, contact the DHCS signatory to this Agreement.	Privacy Office c/o: Office of HIPAA Compliance Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 997413, MS 4722 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413  Email: <a href="mailto:incidents@dhcs.ca.gov">incidents@dhcs.ca.gov</a>  Telephone: (916) 445-4646	Information Security Office DHCS Information Security Office P.O. Box 997413, MS 6400 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413  Email: <a href="mailto:incidents@dhcs.ca.gov">incidents@dhcs.ca.gov</a>

**19. Responsibility of DHCS.** DHCS agrees to not request the Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HIPAA and/or other applicable federal and/or state law.

**20. Audits, Inspection and Enforcement**

**20.1** From time to time, DHCS may inspect the facilities, systems, books and records of Business Associate to monitor compliance with this Agreement. Business Associate shall promptly remedy any violation of this Agreement and shall certify the same to the DHCS Privacy Officer in writing. Whether or how DHCS exercises this provision shall not in any respect relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Agreement.

**20.2** If Business Associate is the subject of an audit, compliance review, investigation or any proceeding that is related to the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement, or is the subject of any judicial or administrative proceeding alleging a violation of HIPAA, Business Associate shall promptly notify DHCS unless it is legally prohibited from doing so.

**21. Termination**

**21.1 Termination for Cause.** Upon DHCS' knowledge of a violation of this Agreement by Business Associate, DHCS may in its discretion:

**21.1.1** Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the violation and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not do so within the time specified by DHCS; or

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**21.1.2** Terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has violated a material term of this Agreement.

**21.2 Judicial or Administrative Proceedings.** DHCS may terminate this Agreement if Business Associate is found to have violated HIPAA, or stipulates or consents to any such conclusion, in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

**22. Miscellaneous Provisions**

**22.1 Disclaimer.** DHCS makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with this Agreement will satisfy Business Associate's business needs or compliance obligations. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of PHI and other confidential information.

**22.2. Amendment.**

**22.2.1** Any provision of this Agreement which is in conflict with current or future applicable Federal or State laws is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of those laws. Such amendment of this Agreement shall be effective on the effective date of the laws necessitating it, and shall be binding on the parties even though such amendment may not have been reduced to writing and formally agreed upon and executed by the parties.

**22.2.2** Failure by Business Associate to take necessary actions required by amendments to this Agreement under Section 22.2.1 shall constitute a material violation of this Agreement.

**22.3 Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings.** Business Associate shall make itself and its employees and agents available to DHCS at no cost to DHCS to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against DHCS, its directors, officers and/or employees based upon claimed violation of HIPAA, which involve inactions or actions by the Business Associate.

**22.4 No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall confer, upon any third person any rights or remedies whatsoever.

**22.5 Interpretation.** The terms and conditions in this Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA and other applicable laws.

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**22.6 No Waiver of Obligations.** No change, waiver or discharge of any liability or obligation hereunder on any one or more occasions shall be deemed a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation, or shall prohibit enforcement of any obligation, on any other occasion.



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January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2026<sup>i</sup>

Updated May 22, 2024

Service	State Plan Service Category	Definition	Benefit Carved In to Managed Care	Benefit Carved Out of Managed Care*
Acupuncture Services	Other Practitioners' Services and Acupuncture Services	Acupuncture services are limited to treatment performed to prevent, modify, or alleviate the perception of severe, persistent chronic pain resulting from a generally recognized medical condition.	<b>X</b>	
Audiological Services	Audiology Services	Audiological services are covered when provided by persons who meet the appropriate requirements	<b>X</b>	
Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)	Preventive Services - EPSDT	The provision of medically necessary BHT services to eligible Medi-Cal members under 21 years of age as required by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) mandate and state plan.	<b>X<sup>ii</sup></b>	
Blood and Blood Derivatives	Blood and Blood Derivatives	A facility that collects, stores, and distributes human blood and blood derivatives. Covers certification of blood ordered by a physician or facility where transfusion is given.	<b>X</b>	

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California Children Services (CCS)	EPSDT	California Children Services (CCS) are services authorized by the CCS program for the diagnosis and treatment of the CCS eligible conditions of a specific Member.	<b>X<sup>iii</sup></b>	
Certified Family Nurse Practitioner	Certified Family Nurse Practitioners' Services	A certified family nurse practitioner who provides services within the scope of their practice.	<b>X</b>	
Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Services	Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Services	Covers the care of mothers and newborns through the maternity cycle of pregnancy, labor, birth, and the immediate postpartum period, not to exceed six weeks; can also include primary care services.	<b>X</b>	
Childhood Lead Poisoning Case Management (Provided by the Local County Health Departments)	EPSDT	A case of childhood lead poisoning (for purposes of initiating case management) as a child from birth up to 21 years of age with one venous blood lead level (BLL) equal to or greater than 15 µg/dL, or two BLLs equal to or greater than 10 µg/dL that must be at least 30 and no more than 600 calendar days apart, the first specimen is not required to be venous, but the second must be venous.		<b>X</b>
Chiropractic Services	Chiropractors' Services	Services provided by chiropractors, acting within the scope of their practice as authorized by California law, are covered, except that such	<b>X<sup>iv</sup></b>	

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Service	State Plan Service Category	Definition	Benefit Carved In to Managed Care	Benefit Carved Out of Managed Care*
		services are limited to treatment of the spine by means of manual manipulation.		
Chronic Hemodialysis	Chronic Hemodialysis	Procedure used to treat kidney failure - covered only as an outpatient service. Blood is removed from the body through a vein and circulated through a machine that filters the waste products and excess fluids from the blood. The “cleaned” blood is then returned to the body. Chronic means this procedure is performed on a regular basis. Prior authorization required when provided by renal dialysis centers or community hemodialysis units.	<b>X</b>	
Community Based Adult Services (CBAS)		<p>CBAS Bundled services: An outpatient, facility-based service program that delivers skilled nursing care, social services, therapies, personal care, family/caregiver training and support, meals, and transportation to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries.</p> <p>CBAS Unbundled Services: Component parts of CBAS center services delivered outside of centers, under certain conditions.</p>	<b>X</b>	

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Community Health Workers	Preventive Services	Preventive services by unlicensed community health workers, promotores, and community health representatives to prevent disease, disability, and other health conditions or their progression.	<b>X<sup>v</sup></b>	
Comprehensive Perinatal Services	Extended Services for Pregnant Women- Pregnancy Related and Postpartum Services	Obstetrical, psychosocial, nutrition, and health education services, and related case coordination provided during pregnancy and up to 12 months following the last day of pregnancy.	<b>X</b>	
Dental Services (Covered under Medi-Cal)		Professional services performed or provided by dentists including diagnosis and treatment of malposed human teeth, of disease or defects of the alveolar process, gums, jaws, and associated structures; the use of drugs administered in-office, anesthetics, and physical evaluation; consultations; home, office, and institutional calls.	<b>X<sup>vi</sup></b>	
Dyadic Services		Integrated physical and behavioral health screening and services for child, caregiver, and family.	<b>X<sup>5</sup></b>	

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Doula Services		Personal support by unlicensed providers to pregnant beneficiaries and their families throughout pregnancy, labor, and in the post-partum period.	<b>X<sup>5</sup></b>	
Durable Medical Equipment	DME	Assistive medical devices and supplies. Covered with a prescription; prior authorization is required.	<b>X</b>	
Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services	EPSDT	Medicaid program's benefit for children and adolescents, providing a comprehensive array of prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services for low-income infants, children, and adolescents under age 21, as specified in Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act.	<b>X</b>	
Erectile and/or Sexual Dysfunction Drugs		Drugs for which the only FDA-approved indication is the treatment of sexual dysfunction or erectile dysfunction are not a benefit of the program. Drugs that are FDA-approved for the treatment of sexual dysfunction or erectile dysfunction in addition to one or more other indications, are a benefit only if the drug has is used for a FDA-approved indication outside of the treatment of sexual dysfunction or erectile dysfunction.		<b>X</b>

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Expanded Alpha-Fetoprotein Testing (Administered by Genetic Disease Branch of CDPH)		A simple blood test recommended for all pregnant women to detect if they are carrying a fetus with certain genetic abnormalities such as open neural tube defects, Down Syndrome, chromosomal abnormalities, and defects in the abdominal wall of the fetus.		<b>X</b>
Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses, Low Vision Aids, Prosthetic Eyes and Other Eye Appliances	Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses, Low Vision Aids, Prosthetic Eyes, and Other Eye Appliances	Eye appliances are covered on the valid prescription of a physician or optometrist.	<b>X<sup>vii</sup></b>	
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) (Medi-Cal covered services only)	FQHC	Services described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(a)(2)(C) furnished by an entity defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(l)(2)(B)).	<b>X</b>	
Hearing Aids	Hearing Aids	Hearing aids are covered only when supplied by a hearing aid dispenser on prescription of an otolaryngologist, or the attending physician where there is no otolaryngologist available in the community, plus an audiological evaluation including a hearing aid evaluation which must be	<b>X</b>	

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		performed by or under the supervision of the above physician or by a licensed audiologist.		
1915(c) Home and Community-Based Waiver Services (Does not include EPSDT Services)		Provided and reimbursed as Medi-Cal covered benefits only: (1) For the duration of the applicable federally approved waiver, (2) To the extent the services are set forth in the applicable waiver approved by the HHS; and (3) To the extent the Department can claim and be reimbursed federal funds for these services.		<b>X</b>
Home Health Agency Services	Home Health Services-Home Health Agency	Covered as specified below when prescribed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist and provided at the home of the beneficiary in accordance with a written treatment plan which the physician reviews every 60 days.	<b>X</b>	
Home Health Aide Services	Home Health Services-Home Health Aide	Covers skilled nursing or other professional services in the residence including part-time and intermittent skilled nursing services, home health aide services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech therapy and audiology services, and medical social services by a social worker.	<b>X</b>	

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Home Health Pharmacy Services-Total Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition under Medi-Cal Rx.	Home Health	Nutritional products medically necessary because of chronic illness or trauma for patients who cannot be sustained through oral feeding and when used as a therapeutic regimen to prevent serious disability or death in patients with medically diagnosed conditions that preclude the full use of regular food that are billed by a pharmacy on a pharmacy claim, including formula, pumps, tubing, and general sub-categories, as described in the Medi-Cal Rx All Plan Letter (APL 20-020: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf</a> ).		X
Home Health Other Pharmacy Services-Total Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition	Home Health	Nutritional products medically necessary because of chronic illness or trauma for patients who cannot be sustained through oral feeding and when used as a therapeutic regimen to prevent serious disability or death in patients with medically diagnosed conditions that preclude the full use of regular food that are billed on medical and institutional claims as described in the Medi-Cal Rx All Plan Letter (APL 20-020: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf</a> ).	X	



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Hospice Care	Hospice Care	Covers services limited to individuals who have been certified as terminally ill in accordance with Title 42, CFR Part 418, Subpart B, and who directly or through their representative volunteer to receive such benefits in lieu of other care as specified.	<b>X</b>	
Hospital Outpatient Department Services and Organized Outpatient Clinic Services	Clinic Services and Hospital Outpatient Department Services and Organized Outpatient Clinic Services	A scheduled administrative arrangement enabling outpatients to receive the attention of a healthcare provider. Provides the opportunity for consultation, investigation, and minor treatment.	<b>X</b>	
Human Immunodeficiency Virus and AIDS drugs		Human Immunodeficiency Virus and AIDS drugs that are listed in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual		<b>X</b>
Hysterectomy	Inpatient Hospital Services	Except for previously sterile women, a nonemergency hysterectomy may be covered only if: (1) The person who secures the authorization to perform the hysterectomy has informed the individual and the individual's representatives, if any, orally and in writing, that the hysterectomy will render the individual permanently sterile, (2) The individual and the	<b>X</b>	

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		individual's representative, if any, has signed a written acknowledgment of the receipt of the information in and (3) The individual has been informed of the rights to consultation by a second physician. An emergency hysterectomy may be covered only if the physician certifies on the claim form or an attachment that the hysterectomy was performed because of a life-threatening emergency in which the physician determined that prior acknowledgement was not possible and includes a description of the nature of the emergency.		
Indian Health Services (Medi-Cal covered services only)		Indian means any person who is eligible under federal law and regulations (25 U.S.C. Sections 1603c, 1679b, and 1680c) and covers health services provided directly by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, or by a tribal or an urban Indian health program funded by the Indian Health Service to provide health services to eligible individuals either directly or by contract.	<b>X</b>	
Inpatient Hospital Services	Inpatient Hospital Services	Covers delivery services and hospitalization for newborns; emergency services without prior authorization; and any hospitalization deemed medically necessary with prior authorization.	<b>X</b>	

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Laboratory, Radiological and Radioisotope Services	Laboratory, X-Ray and Laboratory, Radiological and Radioisotope Services	Covers exams, tests, and therapeutic services ordered by a licensed practitioner.	<b>X<sup>viii</sup></b>	
Licensed Midwife Services	Other Practitioners' Services and Licensed Midwife Services	When provided by a licensed midwife, the following are covered Medi-Cal services: (1) Attendance at cases of normal childbirth and (2) The provision of prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care, including family planning care, for the mother, and immediate care for the newborn.	<b>X</b>	
Local Educational Agency (LEA) Services	Local Education Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program Services	LEA health and mental health evaluation and health and mental health education services, which include any or all of the following: (A) Nutritional assessment and nutrition education, consisting of assessments and non-classroom nutrition education delivered to the LEA eligible beneficiary based on the outcome of the nutritional health assessment (diet, feeding, laboratory values, and growth), (B) Vision assessment, consisting of examination of visual acuity at the far point conducted by means of the Snellen Test, (C) Hearing assessment, consisting		<b>X</b>

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		<p>of testing for auditory impairment using at-risk criteria and appropriate screening techniques as defined in Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Sections 2951(c), (D)</p> <p>Developmental assessment, consisting of examination of the developmental level by review of developmental achievement in comparison with expected norms for age and background, (E)</p> <p>Assessment of psychosocial status, consisting of appraisal of cognitive, emotional, social, and behavioral functioning and self-concept through tests, interviews, and behavioral evaluations and</p> <p>(F) Health education and anticipatory guidance appropriate to age and health status, consisting of non- classroom health education and anticipatory guidance based on age and developmentally appropriate health education.</p>		
Long Term Care (LTC) Facility Services		<p>Medically necessary care in a LTC facility or setting, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), including a distinct part or unit of a hospital;</li> <li>• Intermediate Care Facility (ICF);</li> <li>• Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD);</li> <li>• Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled with Habilitative</li> </ul>	<p><i>Prior to 1/1/2023:</i>  <b>X<sup>ix,x,xi</sup></b></p> <p><i>After 1/1/2023 for SNF (in all counties):</i> <b>X</b></p> <p><i>After 1/1/2024 for ICF/DD,</i></p>	<b>X<sup>15</sup></b>

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		(ICF/DDH); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled with Nursing (ICF/DDN);</li> <li>Subacute facility;</li> <li>Pediatric Subacute Facility.</li> </ul>	<i>ICF/DDH, ICF/DDN, Subacute, and Pediatric Subacute: X</i>	
Medi-Cal Substance Abuse Services	Substance Abuse Treatment Services	Medically necessary substance abuse treatment to eligible beneficiaries includes: counseling services and behavioral therapy related to the drugs and biologicals covered under the SUPPORT Act.		<b>X</b>
Medical Supplies	Medical Supplies	Supplies are medically necessary when prescribed by a licensed practitioner. Does not include medical supplies carved-out to Medi-Cal Rx that are billed by a pharmacy on a pharmacy claim including medical supplies described in the Medi-Cal Rx All Plan Letter (APL 20-020: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf</a> ).	<b>X</b>	
Medical & Non-Medical (NMT) Transportation Services	Transportation-Medical & Non-Medical Transportation	Covers ambulance, litter van and wheelchair van medical transportation services when the beneficiary's medical and physical condition is such that transport by ordinary means of public	<b>X</b>	

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	(NMT) Services	or private conveyance is medically contraindicated, and transportation is required for the purpose of obtaining needed medical care. NMT is transportation by private or public vehicle for beneficiaries who do not have another way to get to their appointment.		
Nurse Anesthetist Services	Other Practitioners' Services and Nurse Anesthetist Services	Covers anesthesiology services performed by a nurse anesthetist within the scope of his or her licensure.	<b>X</b>	
Nurse Midwife Services	Nurse-Midwife Services	An advanced practice registered nurse who has specialized education and training in both Nursing and Midwifery, is trained in obstetrics, and provides care for mothers and newborns through the maternity cycle of pregnancy, labor, birth, and the immediate postpartum period, not to exceed six weeks.	<b>X</b>	
Optometry Services	Optometrists' Services	Covers eye examinations and prescriptions for corrective lenses.	<b>X</b>	
Organ and Bone Marrow Transplant Surgeries	Transplant	Medically necessary donor and recipient organ and bone marrow transplant surgeries for adult and pediatric transplant recipients and donors,	<b>X</b>	

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		including related services such as organ procurement and living donor care.		
Outpatient Mental Health	Outpatient Mental Health	<p>Services provided by licensed health care professionals acting within the scope of their license for adults and children diagnosed with a mental condition as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) resulting in mild to moderate distress or impairment of mental, emotional, or behavioral functioning. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventive mental health services for potential mental health disorders not yet diagnosed</li> <li>• Behavioral health screenings and interventions</li> <li>• Mental health evaluation and treatment, including individual, group and family psychotherapy</li> <li>• Psychological and neuropsychological testing, when clinically indicated to evaluate a mental health condition.</li> <li>• Outpatient services for purposes of monitoring drug therapy</li> <li>• Psychiatric consultation</li> </ul>	X <sup>xii</sup>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient laboratory, drugs, supplies and supplements</li> <li>• Mental health services for beneficiaries 21 years and over with mild to moderate distress or mild to moderate impairment of mental, emotional, or behavioral functioning resulting from mental health disorders, as defined by the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders</li> <li>• Mental health services for beneficiaries under age 21 regardless of level of distress or impairment or the presence of a diagnosis, unless the recipient meets the criteria for Specialty Mental Health Services</li> </ul>		
Organized Outpatient Clinic Services	Clinic Services and Organized Outpatient Clinic Services	In-home medical care waiver services and nursing facility waiver services are covered when prescribed by a physician and provided at the beneficiary's place of residence in accordance with a written treatment plan indicating the need for in- home medical care waiver services or nursing facility waiver services and in accordance with a written agreement between the Department and the provider of service.	<b>X</b>	



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Outpatient Heroin Detoxification Services	Outpatient Heroin Detoxification Services	Can cover various medications and treatments, allowing for day-to-day functionality for a person choosing to not admit as an inpatient. Routine elective heroin detoxification services are covered, subject to prior authorization, only as an outpatient service. Outpatient services are limited to a maximum period of 21 days. Inpatient hospital services shall be limited to patients with serious medical complications of addiction or to patients with associated medical problems which require inpatient treatment.		<b>X</b>
Part D Drugs		Drug benefits for full-benefit dual eligible beneficiaries who are eligible for drug benefits under Part D of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.		<b>X</b>
Personal Care Services	Personal Care Services	Services for categorically needy beneficiaries with a chronic, disabling condition that causes functional impairment that is expected to last at least 12 consecutive months or that is expected to result in death within 12 months and who is unable to remain safely at home without the services. Benefit known as In Home Supportive Services (IHSS).	<b>X<sup>14</sup></b>	<b>X<sup>14</sup></b>

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Pharmaceutical Services and Prescribed Drugs under Medi-Cal Rx	Pharmaceutical Services and Prescribed Drugs	Pharmacy benefits carved-out to Medi-Cal Rx, which are pharmacy benefits that are billed by a pharmacy on a pharmacy claim, including covered outpatient drugs and physician administered drugs, as described in the Medi-Cal Rx All Plan Letter (APL 20-020: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf</a> ).		<b>X</b>
Other Pharmaceutical Services and Prescribed Drugs	Pharmaceutical Services and Prescribed Drugs	Pharmacy benefits that are billed on medical and institutional claims, including physician administered drugs, other outpatient drugs, legend, non-legend and specialty drugs that are not carved-out to Medi-Cal Rx as discussed above, and further described in Medi-Cal Rx All Plan Letter (APL 20-020: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-020.pdf</a> ).	<b>X</b>	
Pharmacist Services	Pharmacist Services	Pharmacists in a community pharmacy setting furnishing specified categories of drugs (furnishing of naloxone, self-administered hormonal contraceptives, nicotine replacement therapy, HIV pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis, and initiating and administering immunizations).	<b>X</b>	

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Physician Services	Physician Services	Covers primary care, outpatient services, and services rendered during a stay in a hospital or nursing facility for medically necessary services. Can cover limited mental health services when rendered by a physician, and limited allergy treatments.	<b>X</b>	
Podiatry Services	Other Practitioners' Services and Podiatrists' Services	Medically necessary Office visits are covered. All other outpatient services are subject to the same prior authorization procedures that govern physicians, and are limited to medical and surgical services necessary to treat disorders of the feet, ankles, or tendons that insert into the foot, secondary to or complicating chronic medical diseases, or which significantly impair the ability to walk. Services rendered on an emergency basis are exempt from prior authorization.	<b>X</b>	
Preventive Services	Preventive Services	All preventive services articulated in the state plan.	<b>X</b>	
Prosthetic and Orthotic Appliances	Prosthetic and Orthotic Appliances	All prosthetic and orthotic appliances necessary for the restoration of function or replacement of body parts as prescribed by a licensed physician, podiatrist or dentist, within the scope of their license, are covered when provided by a prosthetist, orthotist or the licensed practitioner,	<b>X</b>	

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		respectively		
Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy	Physical therapy and occupational therapy are covered when provided by persons who meet the appropriate requirements	<b>X</b>	
Private Duty Nursing	EPSDT	Private duty nursing is the planning of care and care of clients by nurses, whether a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for individuals under 21 years of age.	<b>X<sup>2</sup></b>	
Rehabilitation Center Outpatient Services	Rehabilitative Services	A facility providing therapy and training for rehabilitation on an outpatient basis. The center may offer occupational therapy, physical therapy, vocational training, and special training.	<b>X</b>	
Rehabilitation Center Services	Rehabilitative Services	A facility which provides an integrated multidisciplinary program of restorative services designed to upgrade or maintain the physical functioning of patients.	<b>X</b>	
Respiratory Care Services	Physician Services	A provider trained and licensed for respiratory care to provide therapy, management, rehabilitation, diagnostic evaluation, and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities affecting the pulmonary system and aspects of cardiopulmonary and other systems.	<b>X</b>	

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Rural Health Clinic Services	Rural Health Clinic Services	Services described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(a)(2)(B) furnished by a rural health clinic as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(l)(1).	<b>X</b>	
Scope of Sign Language Interpreter Services	Sign Language Interpreter Services	Sign language interpreter services may be utilized for medically necessary health care services	<b>X</b>	
Services provided in a State or Federal Hospital		California state hospitals provide inpatient treatment services for Californians with serious mental illnesses. Federal hospitals provide services for certain populations, such as the military, for which the federal government is responsible.		<b>X</b>
Specialty Mental Health Services		Rehabilitative services, which includes mental health services, medication support services, day treatment intensive, day rehabilitation, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, adult residential treatment services, crisis residential services, and psychiatric health facility services.		<b>X<sup>xiii</sup></b>
Specialized Rehabilitative Services in Skilled Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities	Special Rehabilitative Services	Specialized rehabilitative services are covered. Such service must include the medically necessary continuation of treatment services initiated in the hospital or short-term intensive therapy expected to produce recovery of function leading to either (1) a sustained higher level of	<b>X<sup>9</sup></b>	

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		self- care and discharge to home or (2) a lower level of care. Specialized rehabilitation service shall be covered.		
Speech Pathology	Speech Pathology	Services are covered when provided by persons who meet the appropriate requirements.	<b>X</b>	
State Supported Services		State funded abortion services that are provided through a secondary contract.	<b>X</b>	
Swing Bed Services	Inpatient Hospital Services	Swing bed services is additional inpatient care services for those who qualify and need additional care before returning home.	<b>X</b>	
Targeted Case Management Services (provided by Local Governmental Agencies)	Targeted Case Management	Persons who are eligible to receive targeted case management services must consist of the following Medi-Cal beneficiary groups: (1) high risk children under the age of 21, (2) medically fragile individuals; (3) children with an Individualized Education Plan or Individualized Family Service Plan; (4) individuals at risk of institutionalization; (5) individuals in jeopardy of negative health or psycho-social outcomes; and (6) individuals with a communicable disease. Targeted case management services must include at least one of the following service components: A documented assessment identifying the beneficiary's needs, development of a comprehensive, written, individual service		<b>X</b>

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		plan, implementation of the service plan includes linkage and consultation with and referral to providers of service, assistance with accessing the services identified in the service plan, crisis assistance planning to coordinate and arrange immediate service or treatment needed in those situations that appear to be emergent in nature or which require immediate attention or resolution in order to avoid, eliminate or reduce a crisis situation for a specific beneficiary, periodic review of the beneficiary's progress toward achieving the service outcomes identified in the service plan to determine whether current services should be continued, modified or discontinued.		
Transitional Inpatient Care Services	Nursing Facility and Transitional Inpatient Care Services	Focuses on transition of care from outpatient to inpatient. Inpatient care coordinators, along with providers from varying settings along the care continuum, should provide a safe and quality transition.	<b>X</b>	
Tuberculosis (TB) Related Services (Provided by the Local County)	TB Related Services	Covers TB care and treatment in compliance with the guidelines recommended by American Thoracic Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.		<b>X</b>

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<sup>i</sup> Coverage and reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccines and administration are carved out of Medi-Cal managed care for all eligible populations and are exclusively covered and reimbursed through the State's fee-for-service delivery system by all applicable providers.

<sup>ii</sup> Benefit coverage is limited to only beneficiaries under 21 years of age for services rendered pursuant to EPSDT requirements.

<sup>iii</sup> California Children Services (CCS) covered in COHS counties with the exception of Ventura County (Gold Coast Health Plan). CCS not covered in Non-COHS counties and Ventura County.

<sup>iv</sup> Chiropractic coverage is limited to only beneficiaries in "Exempt Groups": 1) beneficiaries under 21 years of age for services rendered pursuant to EPSDT program; 2) beneficiaries residing in a SNF (Nursing Facilities Level A and Level B, including subacute care facilities; 3) beneficiaries who are pregnant; 4) CCS beneficiaries; 5) beneficiaries enrolled in the PACE; 6) beneficiaries who receive services at an FQHC or RHC; and 7) beneficiaries in hospital outpatient settings. Chiropractic services are not available at Indian Health Clinics except for those in the exempt groups.

<sup>v</sup> Coverage of benefit subject to federal approval in the Medi-Cal State Plan.

<sup>vi</sup> Dental services are carved in to managed care for Health Plan of San Mateo.

<sup>vii</sup> The fabrication of eyeglasses lenses are carved out statewide to FFS Medi-Cal contracted optical laboratories, with the exception of specialty lenses (including lenses that exceed contract lab ranges), which remain the responsibility of the managed care plan.

<sup>viii</sup> Coverage and reimbursement of COVID-19 testing in school settings, to be carved out of managed care, covered and reimbursed through the state's Fee For Service delivery system.

<sup>ix</sup> Only covered for the month of admission and the following month in Non-COHS. Services covered in COHS.

<sup>x</sup> Services covered under managed care only in MLTSS Eligible Beneficiary Authorized Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, and Santa Clara. IHSS benefits are not part of this covered service.

<sup>xi</sup> ICF-DD residents are exempt from managed care plan enrollment in Coordinated Care Initiative Counties.

<sup>xii</sup> Services provided by primary care physicians; psychiatrists; psychologists; licensed clinical social workers; or other specialty mental health provider. Solano County for Partnership Health plan (COHS) covers specialty mental health, and Kaiser GMC covers inpatient, outpatient, and specialty mental health services.

<sup>xiii</sup> Kaiser members in Solano and Sacramento counties carved into managed care until 7/1/2023.

<sup>14</sup> Personal care services benefit carved-in to SCAN Connections and SCAN Connections at Home, and members of those plans are not eligible for In Home Supportive Services (IHSS). For all other plans, the IHSS personal care services benefit is carved-out of Medi-Cal managed care and is administered and authorized by county agencies.



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<sup>15</sup> Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) – Continuous Nursing Care (ICF/DD-CN) Homes are not subject to the LTC Carve-In Policy