



DATE: July 11, 2023

Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 23-030

TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Hospital Association
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Postpartum Claiming

PURPOSE: To provide guidance to counties in regard to postpartum claiming in Short Doyle Medi-Cal (SDMC) for aid codes restricted to pregnancy.

REFERENCE: [Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No: 21-13](#)

BACKGROUND:

On August 31, 2021, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division released Information Letter 21-13 to provide implementation instructions to counties for Medi-Cal policy on the Postpartum Care Extension under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act. Effective April 1, 2022, the Medi-Cal postpartum coverage period will be extended from 60 days to 12 months.

Medi-Cal individuals who are pregnant or in their postpartum period will remain in their full-scope aid code for the duration of pregnancy and 365-day postpartum period. If an individual does not have full-scope or is losing their coverage in a full-scope aid code, individuals may be transitioned to aid code 76 or have aid code 76 run concurrently with other aid codes as a means to protect the pregnancy and postpartum eligibility.



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POLICY:

For claiming SMHS, DMC or DMC-ODS services during the postpartum period, if a beneficiary is assigned to aid code 76 the pregnancy indicator will not be required for reimbursement. Any other aid code found on the [SDMC Master Aid Code Chart](#) that indicates “restricted to pregnancy related, postpartum and emergency services” will require the pregnancy indicator to be present on the claim for reimbursement during the postpartum period.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Department of Health Care Services