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To: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY METAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIASONS

SUBJECT: Abortion Services under Medi-Cal

The purpose of this letter is to provide an overview of abortion services covered under the Medi-Cal program.

Abortion remains a covered Medi-Cal benefit for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Medi-Cal ensures access to reproductive health care, including abortion and medical services and supplies incidental or preliminary to an abortion. Medi-Cal beneficiaries can go to any Medi-Cal provider of their choice for abortion services. Abortion services are sensitive health care services, and all contracted Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) must implement and maintain procedures that ensure confidentiality and access to these sensitive services.

Abortion services are covered under full-scope, limited scope, and restricted scope Medi-Cal, as well as Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnancy, Hospital Presumptive Eligibility, and the Child Health and Disability Prevention Gateway. In addition, abortion services are available regardless of gender marker.

If you have any questions about this MEDIL, please contact the DHCS Pregnancy inbox by email at Pregnancy@dhcs.ca.gov.

Original Signed by,

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