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Medi-Cal

Important Provider Notice: #0110

Subject: Medi-Cal Optional Benefit Changes Effective July 1, 2009

Due to recent changes in state law, the State of California Medi-Cal program will no longer pay for some Medi-Cal benefits for some adults 21 years of age and older. This change of law goes into effect on July 1, 2009.

Availability of the following Medi-Cal benefits has changed for adults: dental services, acupuncture services, audiology services, speech therapy services, chiropractic services, optometric and optician services, podiatric services, psychology services, and incontinence creams and washes. All other Medi-Cal services remain unchanged at this time.

The following Medi-Cal members will continue to receive the benefits above:

- If the Medi-Cal member is pregnant, they will continue to receive pregnancy-related services, and services for the treatment of other conditions that might complicate the pregnancy.
- Medi-Cal members under 21 years of age, or reside in a nursing facility, the benefits and services will not change.

This information is outlined on the State of California Medi-Cal website: www.medi-cal.ca.gov.

In May and June 2009, the Department of Health Care Services will provide additional information to health care providers, Medi-Cal beneficiaries and other interested parties. Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) will review the information as it becomes available and communicate additional information at that time on how these changes will affect PHC providers and members.