

THIS CA UPDATE HAS BEEN SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:**COUNTIES:**

- Imperial
- Riverside/San Bernardino
- Los Angeles
- Orange
- Sacramento
- San Diego

LINES OF BUSINESS:

- Molina Medi-Cal Managed Care
- Molina Medicare Options Plus
- Molina Marketplace (Covered CA)

PROVIDER TYPES: **Medical Group/ IPA/MSO****Primary Care**

- IPA/MSO
- Directs

Specialists

- Directs
- IPA

 Hospitals**Ancillary**

- CBAS
- SNF/LTC
- DME
- Home Health
- Other

Abortion Services APL 22-022

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers to provide information regarding their responsibility to provide Members with timely access to abortion services.

This notification is based on an All-Plan Letter (APL) 22-022, which can be found in full on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2022/APL22-022.pdf>

BACKGROUND

The Reproductive Privacy Act provides that the state, and MHC may not deny or interfere with a person's right to choose or obtain an abortion prior to viability of the fetus or when an abortion is necessary to protect the life or health of the pregnant individual.

Abortion services are covered by the Medi-Cal program as a Physician service. Abortion is a covered benefit regardless of the gestational age of the fetus, and medical justification and authorization for abortion are prohibited.

POLICY

MHC will cover abortion services, as well as the medical services and supplies incidental or preliminary to an abortion, consistent with the requirements outlined in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual.

MHC is prohibited from requiring medical justification, or imposing any utilization management or Utilization Review requirements, including Prior Authorization and annual or lifetime limits, on the coverage of outpatient abortion services. However, non-emergency inpatient hospitalization for the performance of an abortion may require Prior Authorization under the same criteria as other medical procedures.

Abortion services are, by nature, sensitive services. Minors who wish to receive abortion services may do so without parental consent under the Medi-Cal Minor Consent Program. MHC will implement and maintain procedures that ensure a member's confidentiality in accessing abortion services.

Members may go to any Medi-Cal Provider of their choice for abortion services, at any time for any reason, regardless of network affiliation. However, MHC may require a Physician, health care provider, or person to perform or participate in the performance of an abortion, and no person refusing to perform or participate in performing an abortion is to be subject to penalty or discipline in any form for such a choice.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your Molina Provider Services Representative. Please refer to the phone numbers listed below:

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