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A Letter to California's Medi-Cal Providers

We are writing to provide clear guidance and to reaffirm our shared responsibility to protect access to care for Medi-Cal patients.

Federal policy shifts and state budget pressures have created significant uncertainty and, in some cases, widespread concern. Recently the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a reinterpretation of the public benefit rule that would have restricted care for undocumented patients. That proposed reinterpretation **is not currently in effect**. A federal court has issued a preliminary injunction, meaning all providers should continue to follow existing laws, regulations, and program rules.

The legal process will take time. Until the injunction is lifted, you **do not need to change your operations or your approach to patient care**. Plans and providers statewide are maintaining all standard practices under long-standing Medi-Cal policy.

California's health care organizations remain committed to supporting you and ensuring continuity of care for every Medi-Cal patient.

In the months ahead, some undocumented members will experience changes in Medi-Cal eligibility. Providers, clinics, and local plans are coordinating outreach to keep eligible patients enrolled and informed. **Your engagement is essential**. Together, we can ensure members have the information and resources they need to stay enrolled in Medi-Cal and continue accessing care from the providers they trust.

Our position is firm: we will safeguard access to care for all Medi-Cal patients. Your leadership and diligence directly affect patient stability and system integrity.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public service and the care of the most vulnerable members of our communities

With appreciation and solidarity,

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