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MMCD All Plan Letter No 01003

TO All **Medi-Cal** Managed Care Plans
SUBJECT **MIFEPRISTONE (RU-486) AS MEDI-CAL BENEFIT**

PURPOSE

The purpose of **this** letter is to **remind** all **Medi-Cal** managed care plans that Mifepristone (**Mifeprex** RU466) was approved for use for medical abortion purposes by the Food and Drug **Administration** (FDA) on September 26 2000 and should be covered as a benefit of the **Medi-Cal** program

BACKGROUND

Abortion is covered by the Medi-Cal program as a **physician** service Please refer to **Medi-Cal** Managed Care Policy Letter **99-08** (Attachment A) for the latest **Medi-Cal** managed care **policy** statement on abortion **services including** the prohibition on requiring medical **justification** and/or prior **authorization**

DISCUSSION

All managed care plans are contractually **required** to provide **timely** access to sensitive **services** to members **Sensitive** services include **services** related to abortion such as the use of Mifepristone Access to Mifepristone shall be provided **in** accordance **with** the FDA approved treatment regimen and other mandated requirements All plans must include language relevant to access to and appropriate usage of **Mifepristone**, as part of their **written** abortion **services policies** and procedures All plans must ensure appropriate oversight of the quality of services provided by physicians who are Plan providers of **Mifepristone**

If you have any **questions regarding this** All-Plan letter please contact your MMCD contract manager for assistance

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chen Rice".

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