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WITHDRAWAL OF STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 21-0035: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
ACT OF 2021 – POSTPARTUM CARE EXPANSION

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is formally withdrawing State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0035. This proposed amendment would implement the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), by expanding the postpartum care period from the current 60 days, to a full 12 months (365 days) of postpartum coverage.

On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed ARPA into law, which allowed states to expand their postpartum coverage period up to 12 months. This expansion is to be provided to Medicaid pregnancy groups.

Following discussion with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), on October 13, 2021, DHCS has agreed to withdraw the SPA 21-0035 submission and resubmit upon completion of the development of a new SPA template by CMS.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sandra Williams, Chief, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division by email at [Sandra.Williams@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Sandra.Williams@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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