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TO: ALL MEDI-CAL DENTAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: APL 14-008: Expanded Services for Pregnant Beneficiaries Effective May 1, 2014

The purpose of this All Plan Letter (APL) is to inform the Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care (DMC) plans that effective May 1, 2014, pregnancy-related services and services for the treatment of other conditions that might complicate the pregnancy have been expanded.

The Medi-Cal Dental Services Division (MDS) expects the DMC plans will ensure dental plan providers adhere to the following policy amendment and all documents are processed accordingly. If pregnancy is appropriately identified, a pregnant beneficiary, regardless of age, aid code, and/or scope of benefits may obtain the following services: pregnancy-related services, Restored Adult Dental Services (RADS), and Federally Required Dental Services (FRDS), provided that medical necessity is documented in accordance with the Denti-Cal Manual of Criteria (MOC). Moreover, an emergency certification statement will no longer be required for emergency procedures for limited scope/pregnancy aid codes unless it is delineated as a prior authorization requirement in the MOC. These pregnancy services also include sixty (60) days of postpartum care as well as any remaining days in the month in which the 60th day falls.

Please forward this information to your dental plan providers. In addition to this APL, the Denti-Cal website will contain supplementary information (www.denti-cal.ca.gov) regarding this policy change.

If you have any questions please contact me at (916) 464-0387.

Sincerely,

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