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# 2025 Senate Bill and Assembly Bill Mandate Updates

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to all lines of business, to inform you of the following mandated Senate Bills (SB) and Assembly Bills (AB) updates.

## What you need to know:

#### • AB 2105 (Lowenthal) Coverage for PANDAS and PANS

- This bill requires coverage of Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANDAS and PANS) without cost-sharing.
- Effective January 1, 2025
- Full AB can be found at:
   leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=2
   02320240AB2105

#### AB 2129 (Petrie-Norris) Immediate Postpartum Contraception

- This bill authorizes a provider to separately bill for devices, implants, or professional services associated with immediate postpartum contraception if the birth takes place in a licensed hospital or birthing center.
- o Effective January 1, 2025
- Full AB can be found at:
   leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=2
   02320240AB2129

# AB 2556 (Jackson) Behavioral Health and Wellness Screenings: Notice

- Under this bill each legal guardian of a patient, enrollee, or insured, 10 to 18 years of age, will be provided with a written or electronic notice regarding the benefits of a behavioral health and wellness screening. Annual member notice requirement.
- Effective January 1, 2025
- Full AB can be found at:
   leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=2

#### AB 3059 (Weber) Human Milk

- This bill covers the same health benefits for human milk and human milk derivatives covered under Medi-Cal.
   Adds benefit as a basic health service.
- o Effective January 1, 2025
- Full AB can be found at: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNav Client.xhtml?bill\_id=202320240AB3059

## AB 1842 (Reyes) Health Care Coverage: Medication-Assisted Treatment.

- This bill prohibits step therapy or PA for a naloxone product, or another opioid antagonist approved by the FDA, or a buprenorphine product or long-acting injectable naltrexone for detoxification or maintenance treatment of a substance use disorder.
- o Effective January 1, 2025
- Full AB can be found at: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNav Client.xhtml?bill\_id=202320240AB1842

# AB 3221 (Pellerin) Department of Managed Health Care: Review of Records

- This bill requires the records, books, and papers of MHC to be open to inspection by the director of DMHC, including through electronic means.
- o Effective January 1, 2025
- Full AB can be found at:
   leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNav
   Client.xhtml?bill\_id=202320240AB3221



#### • SB 1120 (Becker) Health Care Coverage: Utilization Review

- This bill requires the use of algorithms or AI by or on behalf of MHC for the purpose of UR and UM functions to comply with the following:
  - Be based upon an enrollee's or insurer's medical history and individual clinical circumstances as presented by the requesting provider and not supplant health care provider decision-making;
  - Not directly or indirectly discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, present or predicted disability, expected length of life, degree of medical dependency, quality of life, or other health conditions;
  - Be fairly and equitably applied;
  - Be open to inspection and disclosed in the written policies and procedures required in existing law:
  - Be governed by policies with accountability for outcomes that are reviewed and revised for accuracy and reliability;
  - Not allow data to be used beyond its intended and stated purpose; and,
  - Be protected from risk that may directly or indirectly cause harm to the enrollee or insured.
  - The AI, algorithm, or other software tool shall not deny, delay, or modify health care services based, in whole or in part, on medical necessity.
- o Effective January 1, 2025
- Full SB can be found at:
   leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=202320240SB1120

#### AB 2843 (Petrie-Norris) Health Care Coverage: Rape and Sexual Assault

- This bill would require coverage without cost sharing for emergency room medical care and follow-up health care treatment for an enrollee or insured who is treated following a rape or sexual assault for nine months from the incident.
- o Effective July 1, 2025
- o Full SB can be found at:
  leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=202320240AB2843

#### • SB 1180 (Ashby) Health Care Coverage: Emergency Medical Services

- This bill would require coverage for emergency medical services provided by a community paramedicine program, a triage to alternate destination program, and a mobile integrated health program.
- o Effective July 1, 2025
- Full SB can be found at:
   leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=202320240SB1180

#### SB 1320 (Wahab) Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment

- This bill would require MHC to establish a process to reimburse providers for MH/SUD treatment services that are integrated with primary care services. The process may be based upon federal rules or guidance issued for the Medicare program.
- o Effective July 1, 2025

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