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Important Update: Implementation of Assembly Bill 2843 – Eliminating Cost Sharing for Survivors of Rape and Sexual Assault

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Medi-Cal and Marketplace lines of business.

What you need to know:

This Provider Bulletin is to inform you about the enactment of Assembly Bill 2843 (AB 2843), a significant legislative measure aimed at enhancing support for survivors of rape and sexual assault. This bill introduces critical changes to health care coverage requirements, directly impacting the services you provide.

Key Provisions of AB 2843:

- **Coverage Without Cost Sharing:** Effective for health care service plans or health insurance policies issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after July 1, 2025, AB 2843 mandates that coverage be provided without any cost sharing for emergency room medical care and follow-up health care treatment for enrollees or insured individuals treated following a rape or sexual assault. This waiver of cost sharing applies for the first nine months after the enrollee initiates treatment.
- **Definition of Follow-Up Health Care Treatment:** The bill defines "follow-up health care treatment" to include medical or surgical services necessary for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of medical conditions arising from an instance of rape or sexual assault.
- **Prohibition of Certain Requirements:** Health care service plans and insurers are prohibited from requiring, as a condition of providing coverage, that the enrollee or insured:
 - Files a police report.
 - Initiates charges against the assailant.
 - Secures a conviction of the assailant for rape or sexual assault.
- **Claims Submission Requirements:** To facilitate the waiver of cost sharing, treating providers must submit all claims using accurate diagnosis codes specific to rape or sexual assault.

Provider Action

As health care providers, your role is crucial in implementing the provisions of AB 2843. To ensure compliance and provide optimal care to survivors, please consider the following actions:

- **Review and Update Billing Practices:** Ensure that billing departments are informed about the new requirements and that claims for services provided to survivors of rape or sexual assault are submitted with the appropriate diagnosis codes to guarantee the waiver of cost sharing.
- **Educate Clinical Staff:** Inform physicians, nurses, and other clinical staff about the provisions of AB 2843 to ensure they understand the coverage benefits available to survivors and can provide appropriate guidance and support.

Your commitment to implementing these changes is vital to the well-being and recovery of those affected. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and your ongoing dedication to providing compassionate and comprehensive care to all patients.

For further information, please refer to the full text of AB 2843 available at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2843.



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