

Provider Bulletin

Molina Healthcare of California

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Abortion Services APL 24-003

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

This notification is based on All-Plan Letter (APL) 24-003, which can be found in full on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website at:

dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL%202024/APL24-003.pdf

What you need to know:

BACKGROUND

The Reproductive Privacy Act provides that the State and MHC may not deny or interfere with a person's right to choose or obtain an abortion prior to the viability of the fetus or when an abortion is necessary to protect the life or health of the pregnant individual.

Abortion services are covered by the Medi-Cal program, as outlined in the Medi-Cal provider manual.

POLICY

MHC will cover abortion services, as well as the medical services and supplies incidental or preliminary to an abortion, consistent with the requirements outlined in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual.

MHC is prohibited from requiring medical justification or imposing any utilization management or Utilization Review requirements, including Prior Authorization and annual or lifetime limits, on the coverage of outpatient abortion services.

However non-emergency inpatient hospitalization for the performance of an abortion may require Prior Authorization under the same criteria as other medical procedures.

Provider Action

Please take a few moments to participate in our Communication Preference Survey. Your feedback will directly influence Molina's engagement with providers, creating a more seamless and efficient communication experience for our network.

Take the survey at
molinahealthcare.surveymonkey.com/r/V55RGTG!



POLICY CONT.

Abortion services are, by nature, sensitive services. Minors who wish to receive abortion services may do so without parental consent under the Medi-Cal Minor Consent Program. Members may go to any Medi-Cal Provider of their choice for abortion services, at any time for any reason, regardless of network affiliation.

However, MHC may not require a Physician, health care provider, or person to perform or participate in the performance of an abortion, and no person refusing to perform or participate in performing an abortion is to be subject to penalty or discipline in any form for such a choice. Furthermore, MHC will inform Members when they enroll that some hospitals, clinics, and other Providers in their Network may refuse to provide abortion services. In such cases, MHC will help the Member find another Provider for the needed services.

What if you need assistance?

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your Molina Provider Relations Representative below.

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