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Abortion Services for HPSM Members

This is a reminder that abortion services are a covered benefit of the Medi-Cal program, and the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) providers are required to deliver timely access to these services. HPSM providers may not deny or interfere with a person's right to choose or obtain an abortion. Minors wishing to receive abortion services may do so under the Medi-Cal Minor Consent Program.

For the full scope of state and federal requirements around abortion services, please review the All Plan Letter from the Department of Health Care Services at:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL%202024/APL24-003.pdf>

Members may select the Medi-Cal provider of their choice for abortion services; however, no physician, health care provider, or other person shall be penalized by HPSM for refusing to perform or participate in the abortion service.

HPSM and contracted providers are prohibited from requiring medical justification for abortion services, as well as imposing any limits (annual or lifetime limits, utilization management limits, etc.). However, prior authorization may be required for non-emergency inpatient hospitalization for the performance of an abortion.

For more information, please review the Medi-Cal Abortion Provider Manual at:

https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/assets/26092CC9-AAAF-432E-A672-85D649215F8A/abort.pdf?access_token=6UyVkRRfByXTZEWIh8j8QaYylPyP5ULO

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Thank you,
The Health Plan of San Mateo