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To: Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Hospice, Home Health, & Long-Term Care (LTC) Providers

From: IEHP – Hospital & Ancillary Services

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Subject: **DHCS Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS) Transition: Hospital and Long-Term Care Provider Guidance**

Effective January 1, 2027, impacted Members will transition from IEHP coverage to DHCS Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS). IEHP is notifying Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Hospice, Home Health, Long-Term Care (LTC), and Ancillary Providers of transition requirements to support continuity of care and minimize service disruptions.

Additional details regarding provider enrollment, billing requirements, continuity of care, and transition requirements are outlined below:

1. Medi-Cal FFS Enrollment and Billing

Providers planning to continue serving transitioning Members must ensure they are actively enrolled in Medi-Cal FFS by January 1, 2027:

- Complete or update applicable enrollment, screening, and revalidation requirements through the **DHCS Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE)** portal
- IEHP will continue to review and process authorization requests for covered services through December 31, 2026. For services rendered on or after January 1, 2027, providers must submit authorization requests through the Medi-Cal FFS Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) process and claims directly to DHCS Medi-Cal FFS.
- Verify Member eligibility through Medi-Cal's eligibility verification systems using the state-issued Benefits Identification Card (BIC).

2. Treatment Authorizations and Ongoing Services

Providers should review existing authorizations and coordinate continued services before the transition.

- For services previously authorized by IEHP that extend beyond December 31, 2026, submit an electronic Treatment Authorization Request (eTAR) using the DHCS UIS Transition TAR process: https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/news/33750.61
- New services without an IEHP authorization must follow standard DHCS Medi-Cal FFS authorization requirements.
- Coordinate with treating providers to prevent interruptions to scheduled procedures, inpatient care, and ongoing treatment.

3. Discharge Planning and Care Coordination

Hospitals and facility care teams should proactively coordinate discharge and post-acute services for impacted Members.

- Confirm that receiving facilities and service providers participate in DHCS Medi-Cal FFS.
- Coordinate medically necessary post-acute care, transportation, durable medical equipment, and other ongoing services through DHCS FFS requirements.
- Identify alternative DHCS Medi-Cal FFS providers when current providers cannot continue services.
- Support Members in accessing available county, community-based, and other appropriate services.

4. Long-Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facility Protections

Federal law prohibits facilities from transferring or discharging Medi-Cal Members solely because their insurance coverage changes from managed care to DHCS Medi-Cal FFS.

Under 42 CFR § 483.15(b)(1) and (c), SNFs and applicable LTC facilities must comply with resident transfer and discharge protections.

Facilities must support continued access to care for impacted members and coordinate any necessary changes in service delivery without disrupting medically necessary treatment.

Medi-Cal FFS Transition Resources

Resource	Link
DHCS Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE)	https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PAVE.aspx
DHCS Medi-Cal FFS Provider Portal	https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/
DHCS Medi-Cal FFS Provider Finder	https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/medi-cal/find-care/
UIS Transition TAR Submission Process: Guidance for Medi-Cal Providers	https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/news/33750.61

Additional resources related to the DHCS Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS) member transition are available for providers at: www.providerservices.iehp.org > Resources > Resources for Providers > Medi-Cal Renewal Process

If you have any questions, please contact the IEHP Hospital and Ancillary Relations Team at either HospitalRelationsServiceTeam@iehp.org or AncillaryRelationsServiceTeam@iehp.org.

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