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### Summary of Changes

#### Revision Status:

**NO CHANGE**= No change

**MINOR**= Minimal changes that have no impact on the content, scope and operation. Rephrase to clarify content.

**MODERATE**= Procedural and/or operational clarifications of existing processes. Content, scope and operational changes.

**SUBSTANTIAL**= Significant content, scope and operational changes. Major revisions or a complete rewrite of a policy or reflect changes that affect the Provider or PCP operationally, such as a change to a reporting timeframe or standards.

**NEW** = Addition of a new policy.

**RETIRED** = Retirement of a policy.

| Policy Number                       | Policy Title                                                        | Degree of Change | Description of Change                                                   |
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| <b>00. INTRODUCTION</b>             |                                                                     |                  |                                                                         |
| 00A.                                | 00A. Manual Overview <b>(NCQA)</b>                                  | No Change        | No Change                                                               |
| 00B.                                | 00B. IEHP Overview                                                  | Minor            | Clarified lines of business offered by the Plan                         |
| 00C.                                | 00C. Manual Updates                                                 | Moderate         | Updated to reflect that AORs are required of Delegates                  |
| <b>01. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b> |                                                                     |                  |                                                                         |
| 01.A.                               | 01.A. General                                                       | No Change        | No Change                                                               |
| 01.B.                               | 01.B. Joint Powers Agency Governing Board                           | No Change        | No Change                                                               |
| 01.C.                               | 01.C. IEHP Committees                                               | Moderate         | Updated organizational/committee chart                                  |
| <b>02. COMMITTEE OVERVIEW</b>       |                                                                     |                  |                                                                         |
| 02.A.                               | 02.A. Provider Advisory Committee (PAC)                             | No Change        | No Change                                                               |
| 02.B.                               | 02.B. Quality Management and Health Equity Transformation Committee | No Change        | No Change                                                               |
| 02.C.                               | 02.C. Peer Review Subcommittee                                      | No Change        | No Change                                                               |
| 02.D.                               | 02.D. Credentialing Subcommittee                                    | Moderate         | Updated timeframe for notifying Practitioner of subcommittee's decision |
| 02.E.                               | 02.E. Utilization Management (UM) Subcommittee                      | No Change        | No Change                                                               |



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| 02.F.                                        | 02.F. Pharmacy and Therapeutics Subcommittee                                | Moderate         | Clarifies the role of P&T Subcommittee in drug utilization review and mental health parity    |
| <b>03. ENROLLMENT AND ASSIGNMENT</b>         |                                                                             |                  |                                                                                               |
| 03.A.                                        | 03.A. Enrollment and Eligibility                                            | Minor            | Clarifying that Members are directed to HCO for assistance.                                   |
| 03.B.                                        | 03.B. Medi-Cal Enrollment Process                                           | No Change        | No Change                                                                                     |
| 03.C.                                        | 03.C. Eligible Members                                                      | No Change        | No Change                                                                                     |
| 03.D.                                        | 03.D. IEHP Service Area                                                     | No Change        | No Change                                                                                     |
| 03.E.                                        | 03.E. Primary Care Provider Assignment                                      | Moderate         | Clarified how Members are informed of PCP assignment and how they may request for PCP changes |
| 03.F.                                        | 03.F. Member Identification Cards                                           | Minor            | Updated components of Member ID card                                                          |
| 03.G.                                        | 03.G. Post Enrollment Kit                                                   | Minor            | Updated list of information included in the Post-enrollment kit                               |
| 03.H.                                        | 03.H. Primary Care Provider Auto-Assignment Process                         | Minor            | Removed reference to "safety net" clinics, which does not apply to this policy.               |
| <b>04. ELIGIBILITY AND VERIFICATION</b>      |                                                                             |                  |                                                                                               |
| 04.B.1.                                      | 04.A. Eligibility Verification                                              | No Change        | No Change                                                                                     |
| 04.B.1.                                      | 04.B.1. Eligibility Verification Methods - Eligibility Files                | Minor            | Added definition for 'Delegate'                                                               |
| 04.B.2.                                      | 04.B.2. Eligibility Verification Methods - Eligibility Verification Options | Minor            | Clarified log-in procedure                                                                    |
| 04.C.                                        | 04.C. Member Co-Payments                                                    | Minor            | Updated link to Vision waiver forms                                                           |
| <b>05. CREDENTIALING AND RECREDENTIALING</b> |                                                                             |                  |                                                                                               |
| 05.A.1.                                      | 05.A.1. Credentialing Standards - Credentialing Policies <b>(NCQA)</b>      | No Change        | No Change                                                                                     |
| 05.A.2.                                      | 05.A.2. Credentialing Standards - Credentialing Committee <b>(NCQA)</b>     | Minor            | Clarified that only a physician may be designated as Chairperson                              |



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| 05.A.3.                         | 05.A.3. Credentialing Standards - Credentialing Verification                                 | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |
| 05.A.4.                         | 05.A.4. Credentialing Standards - Recredentialing Cycle Length                               | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |
| 05.A.5.                         | 05.A.5. Credentialing Standards - Ongoing Monitoring and Interventions <b>(NCQA)</b>         | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |
| 05.A.6.                         | 05.A.6. Credentialing Standards - Notification to Authorities and Practitioner Appeal Rights | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |
| 05.A.7.                         | 05.A.7. Credentialing Standards - Assessment of Organizational Providers                     | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |
| 05.A.8.                         | 05.A.8. Credentialing Standards - Delegation of Credentialing                                | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |
| 05.A.9.                         | 05.A.9. Credentialing Standards - Identification of HIV/AIDS Specialists                     | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |
| 05.B.                           | 05.B. Hospital Privileges                                                                    | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |
| 05.C.                           | 05.C. Provider Screening and Enrollment Requirements                                         | Minor            | Clarified how discrepancies in the Hospital Admitter List are reported to the Hospital Relations Team |
| <b>06. FACILITY SITE REVIEW</b> |                                                                                              |                  |                                                                                                       |
| 06.A.                           | 06.A. Facility Site Review and Medical Record Review Survey Requirements and Monitoring      | Moderate         | Clarified when the corrective action plan is due and when medical record reviews are performed        |
| 06.B.                           | 06.B. Physical Accessibility Review Survey (PARS)                                            | No Change        | No Change                                                                                             |



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| 06.C.                                   | 06.C. PCP Sites Denied Participation or Removed from the IEHP Network                           | Minor            | Clarified when PCPs may reapply following voluntary termination of their contract with IEHP                             |
| 06.D.                                   | 06.D. Residency Teaching Clinics                                                                | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 06.E.                                   | 06.E. Rural Health Clinics                                                                      | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 06.F.                                   | 06.F. Advanced Practice Practitioner Requirements                                               | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 06.G.                                   | 06.G. Urgent Care Center Evaluation                                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 06.H.                                   | 06.H. Interim FSR Monitoring for Primary Care Provider                                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| <b>07. MEDICAL RECORDS REQUIREMENTS</b> |                                                                                                 |                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 07.A.                                   | 07.A. Provider and IPA Medical Record Requirements                                              | Moderate         | Clarified when a Provider may be subject to an annual full scope facility site review and medical record review survey. |
| 07.B.                                   | 07.B. Information Disclosure and Confidentiality of Medical Records                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 07.C.                                   | 07.C. Informed Consent                                                                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 07.D.                                   | 07.D. Advance Health Care Directive                                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| <b>08. INFECTION CONTROL</b>            |                                                                                                 |                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 08.A.                                   | 08.A. Infection Control                                                                         | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| <b>09. ACCESS STANDARDS</b>             |                                                                                                 |                  |                                                                                                                         |
| 09.A.                                   | 09.A. Access Standards <b>(NCQA)</b>                                                            | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 09.B.                                   | 09.B. Missed Appointments                                                                       | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 09.C.                                   | 09.C. Non-Emergency Medical and Non-Medical Transportation Services and Related Travel Expenses | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |
| 09.D.                                   | 09.D. Access to Care for Members with Access and Functional Needs                               | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                               |



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| 09.E.                             | 09.E. Access to Services with Special Arrangements                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 09.F.                             | 09.F. Open Access to Obstetrical or Gynecological Services                  | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 09.G.                             | 09.G. Cancer Treatment Services                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 09.H.1.                           | 09.H.1. Cultural and Linguistic Services - Language Assistance Capabilities | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 09.H.2.                           | 09.H.2. Cultural and Linguistic Services - Language Competency Study        | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 09.H.3.                           | 09.H.3. Cultural and Linguistic Services - Non-Discrimination <b>(NCQA)</b> | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 09.I.                             | 09.I. Access to Care During a Federal, State or Public Health Emergency     | Substantial      | Updated information on how IEHP Members are able to access medically necessary services, equipment, and covered drugs. |
| 09.J.                             | 09.J. Transgender, Gender Diverse or Intersex Cultural Competency Training  | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| <b>10. MEDICAL CARE STANDARDS</b> |                                                                             |                  |                                                                                                                        |
| 10.A.                             | 10.A. Initial Health Appointment                                            | Moderate         | Clarified timeline for when the initial health assessments are due                                                     |
| 10.B.                             | 10.B. Adult Preventive Services                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 10.C.1.                           | 10.C.1. Pediatric Preventive Services - Well Child Visits                   | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 10.C.2.                           | 10.C.2. Pediatric Preventive Services - Immunization Services               | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |
| 10.D.                             | 10.D. Obstetrical Services - PCP Role in Care of Pregnant Members           | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                              |



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| 10.D.1.       | 10.D.1. Obstetrical Services - Guidelines for Obstetrical Services                                              | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.D.2.       | 10.D.2. Obstetrical Services - Obstetric Care by Certified Nurse Midwives, LM and Freestanding Birthing Centers | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.D.3        | 10.D.3 Obstetrical Services - PCP Provision of Obstetric Care                                                   | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.E.         | 10.E. Referrals to the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children                               | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.F.         | 10.F. Sterilization Services                                                                                    | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.G.         | 10.G. Family Planning Services                                                                                  | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.H.         | 10.H. Sexually Transmitted Infection Services                                                                   | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.I.         | 10.I. HIV Testing and Counseling                                                                                | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.J.         | 10.J. Tuberculosis Services                                                                                     | Minor            | Clarified what Members will be assessed for consideration for Direct Observed Therapy   |
| 10.K.         | 10.K. Reporting Communicable Diseases to Public Health Authorities                                              | Minor            | Updated phone number for Riverside County Animal Control Office                         |
| 10.L.         | 10.L. Vision Examination Level Standards                                                                        | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.M.         | 10.M. Mandatory Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting                                                        | No Change        | No Change                                                                               |
| 10.N.         | 10.N. Mandatory Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting                                                               | Moderate         | Clarified that all IEHP staff may identify and report suspected child abuse and neglect |
| 10.O.         | 10.O. Mandatory Domestic Violence Reporting                                                                     | Moderate         | Clarified that all IEHP staff may identify and report suspected child abuse and neglect |
| 10.P.         | 10.P. Total Fracture Care                                                                                       | Minor            | Updated phone number for Orthopedists participating in Total Fracture Care              |



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| 10.Q.                           | 10.Q. Maternal Mental Health Program                                                       | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10.R.                           | 10.R. Personal Care Services and Home Health Care Services                                 | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10.S.                           | 10.S. Community Health Worker Services                                                     | Moderate         | Addressed Plan's responsibility to cover services under DHCS' standing recommendation                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10.T.                           | 10.T. Doula Services                                                                       | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>11. PHARMACY</b>             |                                                                                            |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11.A.                           | 11.A. Pharmacy Benefits and Services                                                       | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11.B.                           | 11.B. Medical Drug Prior Authorization List<br>(NCQA)                                      | Moderate         | Clarified what drugs are included in the Medical Drug Prior Authorization List, and that drugs used in the treatment of severe mental illness are subject to medical necessity determination.                                                               |
| 11.C.                           | 11.C. Prior Authorization or Exception Requests for Physician Administered Drugs<br>(NCQA) | Moderate         | Clarified that Medi-Cal Members may not initiate prior auth requests for coverage.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>12. COORDINATION OF CARE</b> |                                                                                            |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12.A.1.                         | 12.A.1. Care Management Requirements - PCP Role                                            | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12.A.2.                         | 12.A.2. Care Management Requirements - Continuity of Care                                  | Substantial      | Clarified that newly enrolled Members residing in SNFs and Subacute Care Facilities must request continuity of care rather than such being granted automatically. Clarified when continuity of care may be provided by a terminated/out-of-network provider |
| 12.A.3.                         | 12.A.3. Care Management Requirements - Health Risk Assessment                              | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12.B.                           | 12.B. California Children's Services                                                       | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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| 12.C.         | 12.C. Early Start Services and Referrals                     | Moderate         | Updated list of services available through the Early Start Program                                                 |
| 12.D.         | 12.D. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment  | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                          |
| 12.E.         | 12.E. Genetically Handicapped Persons Program                | Minor            | Updated phone number for DHCS GHPP                                                                                 |
| 12.F.         | 12.F. In-Home Supportive Services                            | Moderate         | Clarified Plan reporting requirements, and that IHSS hours are no longer shared through the secure Provider portal |
| 12.G.         | 12.G. Organ Transplant                                       | Moderate         | Removed process for IPA to refer to IEHP any potential transplant candidate                                        |
| 12.H.         | 12.H. Community-Based Adult Services                         | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                          |
| 12.I.         | 12.I. Complex Case Management                                | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                          |
| 12.J.         | 12.J. Dental Services                                        | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                          |
| 12.K.1.       | 12.K.1. Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Services       | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                          |
| 12.K.2.       | 12.K.2. Behavioral Health - Substance Use Treatment Services | Minor            | Updated name for San Bernardino Substance Use Disorder Hotline                                                     |
| 12.K.3        | 12.K.3. Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Treatment      | Minor            | Updated reference to EPSDT to Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens                                                            |
| 12.L.         | 12.L. Vision Services                                        | Minor            | Updated Provider Call Center fax number where vision referrals can be sent                                         |
| 12.L.1.       | 12.L.1. Vision Services - Vision Exception Request           | Minor            | Updated Provider Call Center fax number where vision referrals can be sent                                         |
| 12.L.2.       | 12.L.2. Vision Services - Vision Provider Referrals          | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                          |
| 12.M.         | 12.M. Developmental Disabilities                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                          |





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| 12.N.                             | 12.N. Multipurpose Senior Services Program                                                 | No Change        | No Change                                                                                   |
| 12.O.                             | 12.O. Open Access (Foster Care) Program                                                    | Minor            | Updated reference to EPSDT to Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens                                     |
| 12.P.                             | 12.P. Home and Community-Based Alternatives Waiver Program                                 | No Change        | No Change                                                                                   |
| 12.Q.                             | 12.Q. Medi-Cal Waiver Program                                                              | No Change        | No Change                                                                                   |
| <b>13. QUALITY MANAGEMENT</b>     |                                                                                            |                  |                                                                                             |
| 13.A.                             | 13.A. Quality Studies Medical Records Access                                               | Minor            | Updated definition for Delegate                                                             |
| 13.B.                             | 13.B. QM Program & Health Equity Transformation Program Overview for Members and Providers | No Change        | No Change                                                                                   |
| 13.C.                             | 13.C. Chaperone Guidance                                                                   | No Change        | No Change                                                                                   |
| 13.D.                             | 13.D. Reporting Requirements Related to Provider Preventable Conditions                    | No Change        | No Change                                                                                   |
| 13.E                              | 13.E Management of Critical Incidents                                                      | Moderate         | Reduced timeframe to provide information requested by Quality Management from 14 to 7 days. |
| <b>14. UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT</b> |                                                                                            |                  |                                                                                             |
| 14.A                              | 14.A Utilization Management - Delegation and Monitoring <b>(NCQA)</b>                      | No change        | No Change                                                                                   |
| 14.A.1.                           | 14.A.1. Review Procedures - Primary Care Provider Referrals                                | No Change        | No Change                                                                                   |
| 14.A.2.                           | 14.A.2. Review Procedures - Standing Referral/Extended Access to Specialty Care            | Moderate         | Clarified requirements for authorizing standing referrals                                   |
| 14.A.3.                           | 14.A.3. Review Procedures - Other Health Coverage                                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                                   |



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| 14.B.                       | 14.B. Second Opinions                                                                                              | Moderate         | Clarified that while Members may seek second opinion from a qualified Provider of their choice, the Provider must be within IEHP or their IPA's network. |
| 14.C.                       | 14.C. Emergency Services                                                                                           | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                |
| 14.D.                       | 14.D. Pre-Service Referral Authorization Process                                                                   | Moderate         | Updated list of services that do not require prior authorization.                                                                                        |
| 14.E.                       | 14.E. Referral Procedures for Powered Mobility Devices                                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                |
| 14.F.1.                     | 14.F.1. Long Term Care (LTC) - Custodial Level and Intermediate Care Facilities/ Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                |
| 14.F.2.                     | 14.F.2. Long Term Care (LTC) - Skilled Level                                                                       | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                |
| 14.G.                       | 14.G. Acute Inpatient Admission and Concurrent Review                                                              | Moderate         | Clarified length of stay for post-vaginal delivery                                                                                                       |
| 14.H.                       | 14.H. Hospice Services                                                                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                |
| 14.I.                       | 14.I. My Path Palliative Care Program                                                                              | Minor            | Clarified target population for palliative care program                                                                                                  |
| <b>15. HEALTH EDUCATION</b> |                                                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                          |
| 15.A.                       | 15.A. Health Education                                                                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                                |
| 15.B.                       | 15.B. Obesity Prevention                                                                                           | Moderate         | Updated Member Services contact information and who may conduct program site visits                                                                      |
| 15.C.                       | 15.C. Asthma Self-Management Program                                                                               | Moderate         | Updated Member Services contact information and who may conduct program site visits                                                                      |
| 15.D.                       | 15.D. Diabetes Self-Management Program                                                                             | Minor            |                                                                                                                                                          |



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| 15.E.                                             | 15.E. Perinatal Program                                                     | Moderate                | Updated Member Services contact information and who may conduct program site visits. Removed Baby & Me program |
| 15.F.                                             | 15.F. Pediatric Health and Wellness                                         | Moderate                | Updated Member Services contact information and who may conduct program site visits                            |
| 15.G.                                             | 15.G. Diabetes Prevention Program                                           | Moderate                | Updated Member Services contact information and who may conduct program site visits                            |
| <b>16. GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL RESOLUTION SYSTEM</b> |                                                                             |                         |                                                                                                                |
| 16.A.                                             | 16.A. Member Grievance Resolution Process                                   | Moderate                | Updated responsibilities of Civil Rights Coordinator                                                           |
| 16.B.                                             | 16.B. Member Appeal Resolution Process                                      | No Change               | No Change                                                                                                      |
| 16.C.1.                                           | 16.C.1. Dispute and Appeal Resolution Process for Providers - Initial       | No Change               | No Change                                                                                                      |
| 16.C.2.                                           | 16.C.2. Dispute and Appeal Resolution Process for Providers - Health Plan   | No Change               | No Change                                                                                                      |
| 16.D.                                             | 16.D IPA, Hospital and Practitioner Grievance and Appeal Resolution Process | No Change               | No Change                                                                                                      |
| <b>17. MEMBER TRANSFERS AND DISENROLLMENT</b>     |                                                                             |                         |                                                                                                                |
| 17.A.1.                                           | 17.A.1. Primary Care Providers Transfers - Voluntary                        | No Change               | No Change                                                                                                      |
| 17.A.2.                                           | 17.A.2. Primary Care Providers Transfers - Involuntary                      | No Change               | No Change                                                                                                      |
| 17.B.1.                                           | 17.B.1. Disenrollment from IEHP - Voluntary                                 | Moderate                | Clarified the Plan's responsibilities after Member's enrollment ceases                                         |
| 17.B.2.                                           | 17.B.2. Involuntary Disenrollment From IEHP - Member Status Changes         | Moderate                | Clarified how final disenrollment decisions are made and executed                                              |



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| 17.C.                       | 17.C. Loss of Medi-Cal Eligibility - PCP Responsibilities                            | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| 17.D.                       | 17.D. Episode of Care - Inpatient                                                    | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| <b>18. PROVIDER NETWORK</b> |                                                                                      |                  |                                                                                                                 |
| 18.A.1.                     | 18.A.1. Primary Care Provider - IPA and Hospital Affiliation                         | Minor            | Included Indian Health Facilities and Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers to clinic types                 |
| 18.A.2.                     | 18.A.2. Primary Care Provider - Enrollment Capacity                                  | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| 18.B.                       | 18.B. Provider Directory                                                             | Minor            | Referenced Provider policy for access standards                                                                 |
| 18.C.                       | 18.C. PCP, Vision and Behavioral Health Provider Network Changes                     | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| 18.D.1.                     | 18.D.1. IPA Reported Changes - PCP Termination <b>(NCQA)</b>                         | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| 18.D.2.                     | 18.D.2. IPA Reported Changes - Specialty and Ancillary Provider Termination          | Moderate         | Clarified consequences for the IPA for non-compliance with regulatory, policy, reporting and audit requirements |
| 18.E.                       | 18.E. Management Services Organization Changes                                       | Moderate         | Clarified requirements for DHCS core specialties                                                                |
| 18.F.                       | 18.F. Specialty Network Requirements                                                 | Moderate         | Updated list of Provider resources                                                                              |
| 18.G.                       | 18.G. Provider Resources                                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| 18.H.                       | 18.H. Hospital Affiliations                                                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| 18.I.                       | 18.I. Leave of Absence                                                               | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| 18.J.                       | 18.J. IEHP Termination of PCPs, Specialists, Vision, and Behavioral Health Providers | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |
| 18.K.                       | 18.K. Hospital Network Participation Standards                                       | Minor            | Updated internal contacts at IEHP                                                                               |
| 18.L.                       | 18.L. Providers Charging Members                                                     | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                       |



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| 18.M.                                | 18.M. Outsourcing Standards and Requirements                                              | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 18.N.                                | 18.N. IPA Medical Director Responsibilities                                               | Moderate         | Clarified IEHP and IPA medical directors per contract with DHCS                       |
| 18.O.                                | 18.O. Provider Disruptive Behavior                                                        | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 18.P.                                | 18.P. Virtual Care                                                                        | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 18.P.1.                              | 18.P.1. Virtual Care - eConsult Services                                                  | Moderate         | Clarified that Specialist must respond to a PCP within 48 hours of receiving eConsult |
| 18.Q.                                | 18.Q. Subcontractor Certification Requirement                                             | Moderate         | Updated list of information required to disclose ownership or control interest        |
| 18.R.                                | 18.R. Indian Health Care                                                                  | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 18.S.                                | 18.R. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use in Healthcare Delivery                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| <b>19. FINANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT</b> |                                                                                           |                  |                                                                                       |
| 19.A.                                | 19.A. IPA Financial Viability                                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 19.A.1                               | 19.A.1 Financial Viability - Network Providers, Subcontractors and Downstream Contractors | Retired          | Policy performs financial viability review on risk-bearing organizations              |
| 19.B.                                | 19.B. IPA Financial Supervision                                                           | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 19.C.                                | 19.C. Pay for Performance (P4P)                                                           | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 19.D.                                | 19.D Third-Party Liability                                                                | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 19.E.                                | 19.E. Public and Private Hospital Directed Payment Program                                | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 19.F.                                | 19.F. Medi-Cal Capitation – IPA and IEHP Direct Providers                                 | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |
| 19.G.                                | 19.G. Minimum Medical Loss Ratio                                                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                             |



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| 19.H.                               | 19.H Workforce & Quality Incentive Program (WQIP)                                        | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| <b>20. CLAIMS PROCESSING</b>        |                                                                                          |                  |                                                                                |
| 20.A.                               | 20.A. Claims Processing                                                                  | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| 20.B.                               | 20.B. Billing of IEHP Members                                                            | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| 20.C.                               | 20.C. Claims Deduction From Capitation - 7-Day Letter                                    | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| 20.D.                               | 20.D. Claims and Compliance Audits                                                       | Moderate         | Clarified the different types of audit findings that may result from an audit. |
| 20.E.                               | 20.E. Disputes Between Contracted Relationships                                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| 20.F.                               | 20.F. Coordination of Benefits                                                           | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| 20.G.                               | 20.G. Claims and Provider Dispute Reporting                                              | Minor            | Updated quarterly report due dates                                             |
| 20.H.                               | 20.H. Provider Dispute Resolution Process - Initial Claims Disputes                      | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| 20 H.1                              | 20 H.1 Provider Dispute Resolution Process - Health Plan Claims Appeals                  | Moderate         | Updated to allow for electronic submission of second level appeal              |
| <b>21. ENCOUNTER DATA REPORTING</b> |                                                                                          |                  |                                                                                |
| 21.A.                               | 21.A. Encounter Data Submission Requirements                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| 21.B.                               | 21.B. Encounter Data Submission Requirements for Directly Contracted Capitated Providers | No Change        | No Change                                                                      |
| 21.C.                               | 21.C. Medi-Cal Risk Adjustment and Chronic Illness and Disability Payment System (CDPS)  | Moderate         | Updated to describe IPA's responsibility for remediating audit findings        |



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| <b>22. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES</b> |                                                                                                             |                  |                                                                                                                          |
| 22.A.                                  | 22.A. Members' Rights and Responsibilities<br>(NCQA)                                                        | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                |
| 22.B.                                  | 22.B. Providers' Rights and Responsibilities                                                                | Moderate         | Clarified Plan's expectation for timely completion of regulatory trainings and consequence for non-compliance.           |
| <b>23. COMPLIANCE</b>                  |                                                                                                             |                  |                                                                                                                          |
| 23.A.                                  | 23.A. Non-Monetary Member Incentive - The California Department of Health Care Services                     | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                |
| 23.B.                                  | 23.B. HIPAA Privacy and Security                                                                            | Moderate         | Addressed privacy requirements for reproductive health                                                                   |
| 23.C.                                  | 23.C. Health Care Professional Advice to Members                                                            | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                |
| 23.D.                                  | 23.D. Monitoring of-Subcontractors-and Downstream Subcontractors                                            | Minor            | Referenced Executive Compliance Committee's oversight of subcontractors                                                  |
| <b>24. PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS</b>        |                                                                                                             |                  |                                                                                                                          |
| 24.A.                                  | 24.A. Disability Program Description                                                                        | Minor            | Updated list of avenue by which the Plan communicates with Members with disabilities                                     |
| 24.B.                                  | 24.B. Cultural & Linguistic Services Program Description (NCQA)                                             | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                |
| 24.C.                                  | 24.C. Quality Management & Health Equity Transformation Program and Quality Improvement Program Description | Moderate         | Updated list of Quality Subcommittees and described their role, structure and function; list of quality studies for 2026 |
| 24.D.                                  | 24.D. Fraud, Waste and Abuse Program Description                                                            | Moderate         | Provided greater detail on IEHP Compliance Officer's responsibilities for the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Program.            |
| 24.E.                                  | 24.E. Compliance Program Description                                                                        | Moderate         | Described the Plan's authority to conduct onsite audits and inspections                                                  |



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| 24.F.                               | 24.F. Enhanced Care Management Program Description                                           | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>25. DELEGATION AND OVERSIGHT</b> |                                                                                              |                  |                                                                                                                                                      |
| 25.A.1.                             | 25.A.1. Delegation Oversight - Delegated Activities                                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                            |
| 25.A.2.                             | 25.A.2. Delegation Oversight - Audit                                                         | Moderate         | Added Credentialing Must Pass element                                                                                                                |
| 25.A.3.                             | 25.A.3. Delegation Oversight - IPA Performance Evaluation                                    | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                            |
| 25.A.4.                             | 25.A.4. Delegation Oversight - Corrective Action Plan Requirements <b>(NCQA)</b>             | Moderate         | Clarified consequence for failure to submit or implement CAP or ICAPs                                                                                |
| 25.B.1.                             | 25.B.1. Credentialing Standards - Credentialing Policies                                     | Moderate         | Updated criteria for Practitioners and verification timelines; and clarified policy requirements                                                     |
| 25.B.2.                             | 25.B.2. Credentialing Standards - Credentialing Committee                                    | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                            |
| 25.B.3.                             | 25.B.3. Credentialing Standards - Credentialing Verification                                 | Moderate         | Updated verification timeline; streamlined to remove acceptable sources; and clarified requirements for verifying sanction and exclusion information |
| 25.B.4.                             | 25.B.4. Credentialing Standards - Recredentialing Cycle Length                               | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                            |
| 25.B.5.                             | 25.B.5. Credentialing Standards - Ongoing Monitoring and Interventions                       | Moderate         | Described processes for collecting and reviewing Medicare and Medicaid sanctions, exclusions, and license limitations                                |
| 25.B.6.                             | 25.B.6. Credentialing Standards - Notification to Authorities and Practitioner Appeal Rights | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                            |
| 25.B.7.                             | 25.B.7. Credentialing Standards - Assessment of Organizational Providers                     | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                                            |





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| 25.B.8.                    | 25.B.8. Credentialing Standards - Delegation of CR                                              | Substantial      | Addressed requirements for credentialing information integrity                                                               |
| 25.B.9.                    | 25.B.9. Credentialing Standards - Identification of HIV/AIDS Specialists                        | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                    |
| 25.B.10.                   | 25.B.10. Credentialing Standards - Credentialing Quality Oversight of Delegates                 | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                    |
| 25.C.1.                    | 25.C.1. Care Management - Delegation and Monitoring                                             | Moderate         | Updated to include coordination of care for terminated PCPs as an oversight activity                                         |
| 25.C.2                     | 25.C.2 Care Management - Reporting Requirements                                                 | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                    |
| 25.D.1.                    | 25.D.1. Quality Management - Quality Management Reporting Requirements                          | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                    |
| 25.D.2.                    | 25.D.2. Quality Management - Quality Management Program Structure Requirements<br><b>(NCQA)</b> | No Change        | No Change                                                                                                                    |
| 25.E.1.                    | 25.E.1. Utilization Management - Reporting Requirements                                         | Moderate         | Specified that reports and file reviews for cancelled referrals will now include voided, withdrawn, and dismissed referrals. |
| 25.E.2.                    | 25.E.2. Utilization Management - Referral and Denial Audits                                     | Substantial      | Described UM information integrity audit                                                                                     |
| <b>26. QUICK REFERENCE</b> |                                                                                                 |                  |                                                                                                                              |
| 26.A.                      | 26.A. Quick Reference Guide                                                                     | Moderate         | Updated Member Services Call Center hours, and TTY number                                                                    |