

NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Discrimination is against the law. *[Health Plan]* follows State and Federal civil rights laws. *[Health Plan]* does not unlawfully discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently because of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

[Health Plan] provides:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to help them communicate better, such as:
 - ✓ Qualified sign language interpreters
 - ✓ Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - ✓ Qualified interpreters
 - ✓ Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact *[Health Plan]* between *[hours of operation]* by calling *[telephone number]*. If you cannot hear or speak well, please call *[TTY/TDD number]*. Upon request, this document can be made available to you in braille, large print, audiocassette, or electronic form. To obtain a copy in one of these alternative formats, please call or write to:

[Health Plan]
[Address]
[Telephone number]
[TTY/TDD number]
[California Relay 711]

HOW TO FILE A GRIEVANCE

If you believe that *[Health Plan]* has failed to provide these services or unlawfully discriminated in another way on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, you can file a grievance with *[Health Plan's Civil Rights Coordinator]*. You can file a grievance by phone, in writing, in person, or electronically:

- **By phone:** Contact *[Health Plan's Civil Rights Coordinator]* between *[hours of operation]* by calling *[telephone number]*. Or, if you cannot hear or speak well, please call *[TTY/TDD number]*.

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- In writing: Fill out a complaint form or write a letter and send it to:

[Health Plan's Civil Rights Coordinator]
[address]

- In person: Visit your doctor's office or *[Health Plan]* and say you want to file a grievance.
- Electronically: Visit *[Health Plan's]* website at *[weblink]*.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the California Department of Health Care Services, Office of Civil Rights by phone, in writing, or electronically:

- By phone: Call **916-440-7370**. If you cannot speak or hear well, please call **711 (Telecommunications Relay Service)**.
- In writing: Fill out a complaint form or send a letter to:

**Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights
Department of Health Care Services
Office of Civil Rights
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0009
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413**

Complaint forms are available at
http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language_Access.aspx.

- Electronically: Send an email to CivilRights@dhcs.ca.gov.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

If you believe you have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by phone, in writing, or electronically:

- By phone: Call **1-800-368-1019**. If you cannot speak or hear well, please call **TTY/TDD 1-800-537-7697**.
- In writing: Fill out a complaint form or send a letter to:

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**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201**

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

- Electronically: Visit the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>.