

Subject: Medi-Cal Benefits Update



Alameda Alliance for Health responds to Medi-Cal benefit reductions for adults

Health plan will cover 7 out of 9 benefits eliminated by the State

While the State of California recently eliminated a number of optional health benefits* for most adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries age 21 and older, Alameda Alliance for Health will continue to cover most of them at its own cost.



This means that by joining the Alliance, Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are 21 years old and older will be able to keep the following benefits:

- Speech therapy
- Podiatry
- Audiology
- Psychology
- Incontinence creams and washes
- Vision exams
- Dental (covered only for dual eligible members enrolled in *Alliance CompleteCare*, a Medicare Advantage Plan, beginning January 1, 2010)

The Alliance is a health plan committed to building a healthy community. It was created in 1996 by and for Alameda County residents, with a mission to make

high-quality health care services accessible and affordable to residents. That's why the Alliance is taking action in response to the State's Medi-Cal cuts to make sure its members get the care and services they need.

Find out more about these benefits, Alameda Alliance for Health, and its network of more than 1,700 physicians. Call us at:

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**The elimination of optional Medi-Cal benefits is only for adult Medi-Cal members. There are no changes to services and benefits for children with Medi-Cal coverage. The State has not eliminated the benefits and services listed above for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are: under the age of 21; living in a skilled nursing facility (Level A or B; this includes*

sub-acute care facilities); pregnant; receiving benefits through the California Children's Services program; or receiving benefits through a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Also, please note that Alameda Alliance for Health members must receive

all routine care through plan providers, and some benefits require prior authorization. Benefits restrictions and limitation apply; benefits may change yearly.

About the Alliance

Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) is a public, not-for-profit managed care health plan committed to making high quality health care services accessible and affordable to low-income people of Alameda County. Established in January 1996, the Alliance was created by and for Alameda County residents. The Alliance board of governors, staff, and provider network reflect the county's cultural and linguistic diversity. The Alliance provides health care coverage to over 100,000 low-income children and adults through four programs: Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Alliance Group Care, and Alliance CompleteCare.

With more than 13 years of service to the community, the Alliance continues to be deeply committed to serving the health care needs of Alameda County residents.

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