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Medi-Cal Will Now Pay for Some Optometry Services for Adults

On July 1, 2009, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) excluded several optional benefits, including optometry services, from coverage for adult beneficiaries under the Medi-Cal program.

Starting July 26, 2010, Medi-Cal will again pay for optometry services as a covered benefit for adult beneficiaries under the Medi-Cal program.

"Optometry services" include diagnostic, ancillary and supplemental procedures used for the evaluation of the visual system. Services related to eyeglasses and other eye appliances are still excluded, except bandaged contact lenses (HCPCS code V2599), which will be covered for eligible beneficiaries based on medical necessity.

For more information on restored optometry services for adults [**CLICK HERE.**](#)

Important Healthy Kids Update - FINAL EXTENSION!

LA Care is providing an additional extension for Healthy Kids 6-18 families who have been disenrolled for non-payment of premiums.

If a family has been disenrolled from the HK 6-18 program for non-payment of premiums, but sends LA Care the full payment owed as of August 31, 2010, they will be reinstated into the program. LA Care needs to receive this payment as soon as possible and postmarked NO LATER than September 20.

LA Care began placing outbound phone calls September 2nd to all Spanish speaking households disenrolled

effective September 1 to inform them of this extension. This is the final extension. It is being provided because families did not receive the nonpayment letter in their preferred language but in English only. Starting this month, all HK letters will be distributed in the following languages: English, Armenian, Chinese (Traditional), Spanish, Khmer (Cambodian), Korean, and Vietnamese.

Please advise families disenrolled effective September 1 about this opportunity to have their children reinstated into this program. Have them send payment in full (outstanding balance) by the 20th of September 2010.

For questions please contact LA Care at 1-888-452-5437.



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