This letter supersedes CMSP ACL 16-03 & 16-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TRANSITION OF CMSP PRIMARY CARE BENEFIT PILOT PROGRAM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

The CMSP Primary Care Benefit (PCB) Program began as a pilot project in May 2016. Following the review of the two-year effort and with input of stakeholders, the CMSP Governing Board voted to incorporate the PCB into the Standard CMSP benefit with some simplifications. These program enhancements will start September 1, 2018. Counties will continue to process CMSP applications in the same manner.

The Primary Care Benefit is a set of primary and preventative health services available to CMSP members at no-cost and/or a $5 co-pay for prescriptions. The following table summarizes the changes that will impact CMSP aid code 50 (undocumented members with a Share of Cost) and CMSP aid code 89 (full scope CMSP with a Share of Cost):

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<th>ITEM</th>
<th>PCB PILOT 5/16-8/18</th>
<th>PCB BEGINNING 9/18</th>
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<td><strong>Identification Cards</strong></td>
<td>Members were issued 3 cards: 1) State of California BIC 2) CMSP Standard ID 3) PCB ID</td>
<td>Members will be issued 2 cards: 1) State of California BIC 2) Updated CMSP ID</td>
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<td><strong>Enrollment Period</strong></td>
<td>Defined enrollment period began the month following the member's eligibility start date</td>
<td>Coverage begins on the first of the month of the beginning date of aid</td>
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<td><strong>Visit Limits</strong></td>
<td>Up to three (3) medical office visits with an in-network primary care or specialty care provider with no co-pay or Share of Cost (SOC)</td>
<td>Unlimited in-network primary care or specialty care provider visits with no co-pay or Share of Cost (SOC)</td>
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<td><strong>Reservations</strong></td>
<td>Providers had to call AMM to obtain a “visit reservation”</td>
<td>Reservations are no longer required</td>
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<td><strong>Prescription Drug Coverage</strong></td>
<td>$5 co-pay for prescription drugs at an in-network pharmacy</td>
<td>No change, $5 co-pay for prescription drugs at an in-network pharmacy</td>
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Additionally, please find attached a copy of the transitional notice that will be mailed to current CMSP Primary Care Benefit Program enrollees explaining the upcoming change. The notice will be sent in English and Spanish languages. CMSP-contracted providers have been notified about upcoming provider trainings hosted by AMM on August 23, August 28, and September 18.

Please contact Alison Kellen, Program Manager at (916) 649-2631 ext. 119 or akellen@cmspcounties.org with any questions about this transition.

Thank you,

Kari Brownstein
Administrative Officer

Attachment
Dear CMSP Member:

A few months ago, you were mailed your County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Primary Care Benefit (PCB) ID Card. The card you received states you are eligible from (date) to (date).

Starting September 1, 2018, CMSP has made things simpler and has added these no-cost services and $5 prescriptions to the regular CMSP benefit when you haven’t met your monthly share of cost. Beginning September 1, 2018, you don’t need to use your separate Primary Care Benefit ID Card. Also, your medical provider won’t need to call for a visit reservation. You will get a new, updated CMSP ID card and program guide mailed to you to use for all health care services as long as you are enrolled in CMSP. The new card looks like this:

Please be sure to keep your State of California Benefits Identification Card (BIC).

Should you have any questions regarding these changes and/or your eligibility, please call CMSP Customer Service at (877) 589-6807.

Sincerely,

Marissa Steiner, CMSP Administration Manager

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