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TO: All County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: Path to Health Pilot Project (Launching February 2019)

The purpose of this All County Letter is to provide information to counties concerning the new Path to Health Pilot Project (Path to Health) that will provide primary care for up to 25,000 undocumented adults ages 21 – 64 that are enrolled in an emergency services only (restricted scope) Medi-Cal program aid code and reside in one of the thirty-five CMSP counties.

## Background

At the County Medical Services Program Governing Board (Board) meeting of May 31, 2018, the Board approved development of the Path to Health Pilot Project. The purpose of the Pilot Project is to promote timely delivery and preventive medical services to low-income undocumented adults, improve health outcomes, reduce the use of emergency services and inpatient hospitalization, and enable community health centers to redirect freed-up resources to other community health needs. The Pilot Project will begin in February 2019 and end on August 31, 2021 unless it is extended by the Board.

## Eligibility and Enrollment for the Path to Health Pilot Project

To become eligible for Path to Health, a potential member must be an undocumented adult ages 21 – 64, enrolled in a restricted scope Medi-Cal aid code (3T, 55, 58, 5F, 5T, C5, C6, C7, J3, J4, J8, K3, K5, K7, K9, M2 and M4) and reside in one of the thirty-five CMSP counties. If these criteria are met, the potential member may go to one of the following eleven (11) Community Health Center Systems in the following thirteen (13) CMSP counties to apply for Path to Health benefit coverage. The Health Centers were selected through a Request for Application to participate in the Pilot Project. The participating Health Center will enroll the applicant in Path to Health, NOT the county. The county will continue to process Medi-Cal applications.

CMSP County	Community Health Center Systems
Butte	Ampla Health
Colusa	Ampla Health
Glenn	Ampla Health
Marin	Coastal Health Alliance, Inc.
	Marin Community Clinics
Napa	OLE Health

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CMSP County	Community Health Center Systems continued
San Benito	San Benito Health Foundation
Shasta	Shasta Community Health Center
Solano	Community Medical Centers
	La Clinica de La Raza, Inc.
	OLE Health
Sonoma	Petaluma Health Center, Inc.
	Santa Rosa Community Health Center
Sutter	Ampla Health
Tehama	Ampla Health
Yolo	CommuniCare Health Centers
	Community Medical Centers
Yuba	Ampla Health

Petaluma Health Center, Inc. and Santa Rosa Community Health Center will begin Path to Health enrollments on February 1, 2019 and the remaining sites will go-live February 19, 2019.

After enrollment, the member will be eligible for Path to Health services for up to six months (even if the Medi-Cal enrollment is discontinued during that time). The member may ONLY receive Path to Health covered services at the Community Health Center System where he / she enrolled. Path to Health re-enrollments are also handled by the participating health centers. The county will continue to process Medi-Cal renewals.

## **About the Path to Health Pilot Project**

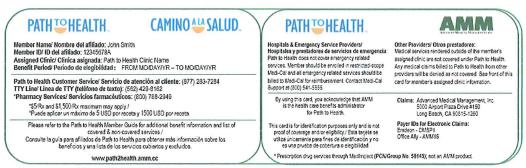
The Spanish translation for Path to Health is Camino a la Salud. Member materials and the informational website will be available in both English and Spanish.

<u>Scope of Path to Health / Camino a la Salud Benefit Coverage</u>. The new added benefit provides coverage for a variety of primary and preventive services at the member's selected health center during the member's benefit period. These services include:

- Primary care and/or specialty care services for:
  - Medical office visits with a primary care doctor and/or specialist at the health center
  - Preventive health screenings: annual physical, specific lab tests and cancer screenings
  - Specific diagnostic tests and minor office procedures
- Prescription drug coverage with a \$5.00 copay per prescription (limited to a maximum of \$500 per claim and a \$1500 maximum benefit per enrollment period)

<u>Emergency Services</u>. Emergency Services are NOT covered by Path to Health / Camino a la Salud. Instead, Emergency Services are covered by Medi-Cal.

Path to Health / Camino a la Salud Benefit Identification Card. A Path to Health / Camino a la Salud ID card will be provided to all Path to Health / Camino a la Salud members (example below). This ID card provides the member's Client Identification Number, the member's designated health clinic, benefit period and required copay for prescriptions.



Sample ID Card Front

Sample ID Card Back

Path to Health / Camino a la Salud Covered Medical Services Provided ONLY At Health Center On ID Card During Benefit Period. All covered Path to Health medical services must be provided during the benefit period dates and at the Health Center printed on the ID card.

Path to Health / Camino a la Salud Prescriptions Provided At CMSP Contracted Pharmacies During Eligibility Period. Prescriptions *must be provided* during the Path to Health benefit period printed on the ID card. Please visit mypathtohealth.org and caminoalasalud.org (effective 2/1/19) for a listing of contracted pharmacies.

If you have any questions regarding the new Path to Health / Camino a la Salud Pilot Project, please refer to the websites at mypathtohealth.org and caminoalasalud.org (effective 2/1/19) or contact Alison Kellen, Program Manager, at akellen@cmspcounties.org or 916-649-2631, ext. 119.

Sincerely.

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