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Notice of Change in Medical Necessity and Eligibility Criteria for the Authorization of Adult Day Health Care Services

Dear Medi-Cal Beneficiary:

The Department of Health Care Services is sending you this notice to inform you of the changes to the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) services starting March 1, 2010.

There are new Medical Necessity and Eligibility Criteria as a result of changes to the law. Your ADHC center will begin using the new criteria for services starting March 1, 2010, unless you have an approved Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) in place at that time. Then, when your next reauthorization TAR is due, the new criteria and Individual Plan of Care (IPC) will be used to assess your need for ADHC services and submitted to the local Medi-Cal Field Office for adjudication.

The changes in the law are reflected in the Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code. On March 1, 2010 new laws will become operative reflected in sections 14522.4, 14525.1, 14526.2, and 14550.6 of the W&I Code. In addition, section 14525 will become inoperative and sections, 14522.3, 14526.1, and 14550.5 in the W&I Code will become inoperative and will be repealed on March 1, 2010.

Your ADHC center will work with you regarding your eligibility need for ADHC services after these changes go into effect. You may also talk with your personal health care provider to find services that meet your medical needs.

If you have any questions about Medical Necessity and Eligibility Criteria, please contact your ADHC provider or call Medi-Cal at 916-636-1980.