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**TO:** All Contracted Low Income Health Program (LIHP) Providers  
**FROM:** Adult/Older Adult Behavioral Health Services  
**RE:** **LIHP Transition to Medi-Cal Managed Care**

This notice provides Low Income Health Program (LIHP) healthcare providers in San Diego County information on the upcoming transition of LIHP into the Medi-Cal Managed Care Program.

### **Background**

The Low Income Health Program, also known as the Bridge to Healthcare Reform, comes to an end at midnight on December 31, 2013. Effective January 1, 2014, those who are enrolled in LIHP will transition into the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health coverage to either a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan or Covered California (also known as The Exchange). The Low Income Health Program is composed of two cohorts: Medicaid Coverage Expansion (MCE) and Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI). The MCE cohort, those at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level, will transition to Medi-Cal Managed Care. The HCCI cohort, between 139% - 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, will transition to Covered California.

### **What does this mean for LIHP enrollees?**

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has a Transition Plan that describes the major activities in the LIHP transition to Medi-Cal and Covered California coverage options. DHCS will mail a "Welcome to Medi-Cal" packet to all LIHP enrollees who are transitioning to Medi-Cal. The packet will include information about the Medi-Cal program and how to obtain help. Enrollees may select a Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan, which will be effective 1/1/2014. If enrollee does not select a Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan, the enrollee will default into a health plan in San Diego County that is contracted with their primary care provider/clinic. Patients wishing to remain under your care may ask you for assistance with their choice of Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan. We encourage you to review the Medi-Cal Choice form with the enrollee to facilitate the enrollees Medi-Cal managed Care Plan choice.

### **What does this mean for LIHP healthcare providers?**

To ensure continuity of care for the transitioning LIHP enrollees into a Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan, those who would like to remain in your care may need assistance in coordination. If you do not already participate in the Medi-Cal Managed Care provider network we encourage you to contact the numbers listed below for further information:

Care 1st Health Plan: 888-272-4913

Community Health Group: 619-498-6560

Molina Healthcare: 858-614-1580

**What does this mean for your LIHP contract?**

Your LIHP contract will be amended to delete only the Low Income Health Program. By November 2013 you will receive a contract amendment, along with a schedule of final claims submission to expedite payments to providers.

**Contact number for more information**

LIHP Provider Line related to Treatment Authorization/Pharmacy Authorization Requests.....  
(858) 658-8650

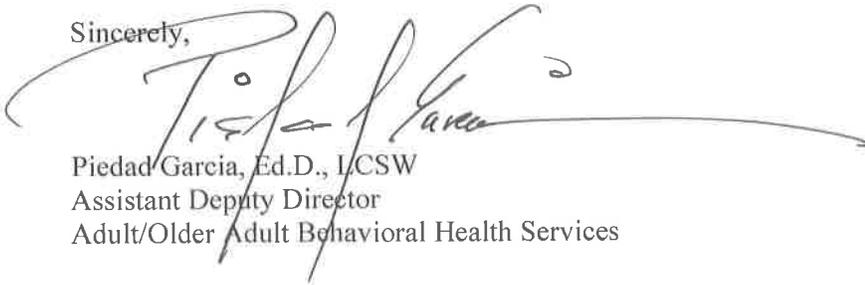
Contracts.....  
(619) 584-5006

If you have questions regarding the transition to Medi-Cal, updates, and Tool Kit, please visit the LIHP website at:

[http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/ssp/low\\_income\\_health\\_program/index.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/ssp/low_income_health_program/index.html)

If your patients have questions selecting a Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan or need to update phone number/address contact the Healthy San Diego, Health Care Options..... (619) 515-6584

Sincerely,



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