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TO: California Applicable Integrated Plan (AIP) D-SNPs

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SUBJECT: California AIP D-SNPs: Updates to Contract Year 2026 Material Models

On May 13, 2026, CMS and the state of California issued updates to the CY 2026 Chapters 2 and 4 of the Member Handbook, the Provider and Pharmacy Directory, and the Summary of Benefits related to dental services for use by applicable integrated plan (AIP) dual eligible special needs plans (D-SNPs) operating in California. However, on June 30, 2026, California legislation passed [Senate Bill 164 Health](#) (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 27, Statutes of 2026, ref Sec 79), which postponed the implementation date for the dental benefit changes for the Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) population to July 1, 2027, from the previously established date of July 1, 2026. As a result, CA AIP D-SNPs should revert to using the versions of the CY 2026 Chapters 2 and 4 of the Member Handbook, the Provider and Pharmacy Directory, and the Summary of Benefits that were approved prior to the May 13, 2026, updates. We have attached the previous versions of the models. This change does not impact the CY 2027 models that were released on June 9, 2026.

California AIP D-SNPs must use the replacement feature in the HPMS marketing module to resubmit the previous versions of these materials. Plans should not mark the previous material as no longer in use or the plan will not be able to submit a replacement file. California AIP D-SNPs must communicate these revisions to all applicable enrollees with unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS) in accordance with the "Mid-Year Change Notification to Enrollees" instructions in the Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines no later than August 5, 2026. Please review the immigration status indicator field on the 834 file to confirm which of your AIP D-SNP members (if any) are UIS. California AIP D-SNPs must not use the errata process to communicate these changes.

This memorandum will also be posted to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office's "D-SNPs: Integration & Unified Appeals & Grievance Requirements" webpage at <https://www.cms.gov/medicaid-chip/medicare-coordination/qualified-beneficiary-program/d-snps-integration-unified-appeals-grievance-requirements> grouped alphabetically by state under the "Model Materials" heading.

If you have any questions about this dental benefit coverage change or the applicable enrollees, please contact DSNPSubmissions@dhcs.ca.gov. For any questions about the contents of this memorandum or submission of materials in HPMS, please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at MMCO_DSNPOperations@cms.hhs.gov.