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Dear client,

As you may be aware, California's Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) will be run by the federal government instead of the state effective July 1, 2013. You should have already received a letter from California PCIP explaining this transition. The purpose of this letter is to provide further clarification regarding the changes in coverage that will be available to you and to determine if you would like to participate in the federal PCIP and have the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) continue to pay your PCIP premiums.

Out-of-Pocket Costs

Deductibles paid from January to June 2013 will not be rolled over to the federal PCIP. The federal PCIP has a \$250 prescription drug deductible, a \$1,000 medical deductible, and a \$3,125 out-of-pocket maximum for the coverage period from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. CDPH will pay the \$250 prescription drug deductible and co-pays for drugs on our program's formulary that are dispensed from a pharmacy that is In-Network for the federal PCIP and our program. These prescription drug costs will count towards the \$3,125 out-of-pocket maximum. However, **you will be responsible for the medical deductible of \$1,000 and 30% of your medical costs** from July to December 2013 or until the out-of-pocket maximum of \$3,125 is met.

Providers

Federal PCIP will accept any provider that will take the Medicare reimbursement rate. Please contact your current provider to ensure that they accept Medicare rates; otherwise you may need to change providers.

Prescriptions and Pharmacy Network

All Food and Drug Administration approved medications will be covered by the federal PCIP. The federal PCIP's Pharmacy Benefits Manager is Express Scripts/Medco. Please visit their website at www.medco.com or call (800) 427-6145 for questions about medications.

To determine if your current pharmacy is in the federal network visit www.pciplan.com. On the right hand side click on the "Prescriptions" tab, click on the "retail pharmacies" link, click on the "locate a pharmacy" link, click "continue" and you will be able to search by zip code or city. You can also call (800) 427-6145 for assistance.

For the federal PCIP to cover your medications and for our program to cover your medication co-pays, the medication must be dispensed from a pharmacy that is In-Network for both the federal PCIP and our program. The list of In-Network pharmacies for the federal PCIP plan can be found at www.pciplan.com, and the list of In-Network pharmacies for our program can be found at <http://www.ramsellcorp.com/>.

Enrollment

You will be automatically enrolled in the federal PCIP. In order to have your monthly PCIP premiums paid by CDPH, please complete the attached application and fax it to (916) 440-5494 or mail to Insurance Assistance Section, MS 7704, PO Box 997426, Sacramento, CA 95899-7426. The application must be received by June 14th, 2013. Once we receive your completed application, CDPH will pay your July premium, thus activating your federal PCIP coverage. Shortly thereafter, the federal PCIP benefits administrator will send you your federal PCIP ID card and details about federal PCIP benefits. Please visit the federal PCIP website at <https://pcip.gov/> for more information. CDPH will continue to pay your federal premiums through December 31, 2013 unless notified otherwise.

We at CDPH would like to make this transition as smooth as possible for you. Should you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Irina Banar at Irina.Banar@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 449-5882 or Sara Johnson at Sara.Johnson@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 449-5886.

Thank you,



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