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ALL PLAN LETTER

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TO: All Health Care Service Plans; All Risk Bearing Organizations

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SUBJECT: APL 20-017 – General Licensure Regulation: Extension of Phase-In Period For Expedited Exemption Requests

On June 14, 2019, the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) issued All Plan Letter 19-014. The All Plan Letter provided guidance regarding the Department’s recently adopted General Licensure Regulation. The General Licensure Regulation requires an entity that accepts any amount of global risk, as defined in the General Licensure Regulation, to obtain either: (1) a health care service plan license; or (2) an exemption from the licensure requirements.¹

The All Plan Letter also provided for a “phase-in” period during which entities seeking an exemption from the licensure requirements could take advantage of an expedited exemption request process. The phase-in period provided by All Plan Letter 19-014 runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, **the DMHC is extending the phase-in period through December 31, 2020.**

The DMHC has updated the guidance document it issued with All Plan Letter 19-014 to reflect the extended phase-in period. The updated guidance document is attached to this All Plan Letter.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this APL, please contact Phuc Nguyen, Assistant Chief Counsel in the Office of Plan Licensing, at (916) 323-0416 or via email at phuc.nguyen@dmhc.ca.gov.

¹ California Code of Regulations, title 28, section 1300.49.