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Subject: APL 19-022 (OPL) - Governor's Proclamation of a Statewide State of Emergency

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Dear Health Plan Representative,

Please see the attached All Plan Letter regarding the requirements under Assembly Bill 2941 (Berman, Ch. 196, Stats. 2018) and the DMHC filing instructions related to the Governor's proclamation of a statewide State of Emergency due to the extreme fire weather conditions.

Thank you.



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## ALL PLAN LETTER

**DATE:** October 28, 2019

**TO:** All Health Care Service Plans

FROM: Phuc Nguyen, Acting Deputy Director

Office of Plan Licensing

SUBJECT: APL 19-022 (OPL) Governor's Proclamation of a Statewide State of

Emergency Due to Extreme Fire Weather Conditions

The Department of Managed Health Care (the DMHC) issues this All Plan Letter (APL) to remind health care service plans (plans) of the requirements under Assembly Bill 2941 (Berman, Ch. 196, Stats. 2018) and the related DMHC filing instructions.

## A. Filing Requirement Under Assembly Bill 2941

On October 27, 2019, Governor Newsom issued a statewide emergency proclamation in California due to the effects of unprecedented high-wind events which have resulted in fires and evacuations across the state.<sup>1</sup> Assembly Bill 2941 (Berman, Ch. 196, Stats. 2018) requires plans to provide enrollees displaced by a declared state of emergency with continued access to medically necessary health care services.

Within 48 hours of a proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor that displaces or has the immediate potential to displace enrollees, each plan operating in the county(ies) included in the proclamation must file a notice with the DMHC:

- Describing whether the plan has experienced or expects to experience any disruption to plan operations;
- Explaining how the plan is communicating with potentially impacted enrollees; and,
- Summarizing actions the plan has taken or is in process of taking to ensure the health care needs of enrollees are met.

This statewide proclamation of a State of Emergency includes all counties in California. Please submit the information required by AB 2941 through the DMHC's eFiling system as an Exhibit J-17 and as an Amendment filing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Office of Governor Gavin Newsom website

## B. Notice of Governor's Proclamations of a State of Emergency

To ensure timely notice of a proclamation of a State of Emergency, you may register to receive email notifications from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services by going to the Office of Emergency Services News website and submitting your email address in the field located on the right hand side of the webpage under the heading "Don't Miss a Thing!"

If you have questions regarding AB 2941, please contact your plan's assigned reviewer in the DMHC Office of Plan Licensing.