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Dear Health Plan Representative:

The Department of Managed Health Care (Department) issues this All Plan Letter (APL) 23-022, delaying the January 1, 2024 effective date of SB 1419 (2022) until January 1, 2025.

Thank you.



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ALL PLAN LETTER

DATE: December 13, 2023

TO: All Health Care Service Plans

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SUBJECT: All Plan Letter (APL) 23-022 - Compliance with Senate Bill 1419 (2022) – Health Information

On September 30, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 1419, which added Section 1374.196 to the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, as amended¹. Section 1374.196 requires health care service plans, on or after January 1, 2024, to establish and maintain application programming interfaces (API) for the benefit of enrollees and contracted providers to facilitate patient and provider access to health information as applicable under federal rules. These APIs are to be in accordance with standards published in a final rule issued by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and published in the Federal Register, and align with federal effective dates, including enforcement delays and suspensions.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1343, subdivision (b), the Director is authorized to exempt health plans from compliance with sections of the Act, if the Director finds the action to be in the public interest and not detrimental to the protection of enrollees. Given the pending federal guidance related to APIs, the Director exempts health plans from compliance with the January 1, 2024, effective date in Section 1374.196, and extends the effective date to January 1, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this APL, please contact your health plan's assigned reviewer in the DMHC's Office of Plan Licensing.

¹ California Health and Safety Code sections 1340 et seq. (Act). References herein to "Section" are to sections of the Act. References to "Rule" refer to the California Code of Regulations, title 28.

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