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DMHC Director Rouillard Issues Statement on Federal Regulations Regarding Contraception Coverage

(Sacramento) – California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) Director Shelley Rouillard issued the following statement today following the release of new federal regulations regarding contraception coverage.

“We are reviewing the details of the new federal regulations and possible impacts to Californians enrolled in plans licensed by the DMHC,” said DMHC Director Shelley Rouillard. “However, it is important to note that California has a long history of expanding timely access to birth control to prevent unintended pregnancy. California has enacted laws that promote gender equity and women’s health, and state regulated health plans must cover contraceptives for women without cost sharing with very narrow exceptions offered for religious employers as defined in California law.”

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About DMHC:

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