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## ALL PLAN LETTER

**DATE:** May 26, 2026  
**TO:** All Health Care Service Plans<sup>1</sup>  
**FROM:** Sarah Ream  
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**SUBJECT:** APL 26-009: State of Emergency Due to Orange County Chemical Incident

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The Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) issues this All Plan Letter (APL) to remind health care service plans of the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 1368.7 and to provide related DMHC filing instructions.

### A. Filing Required by Health and Safety Code section 1368.7

On May 23, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an [emergency proclamation](#) for Orange County, California due to a hazardous chemical incident at an aerospace facility located in Garden Grove, California. The incident resulted in the mandatory evacuation of tens of thousands of residents from the surrounding area.

Section 1368.7 requires plans to provide enrollees displaced by a proclaimed 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. That notice must:

- Describe whether the plan has experienced or expects to experience any disruption to plan operations.
- Explain how the plan is communicating with potentially impacted enrollees.
- Summarize actions the plan has taken or is in the process of taking to ensure the health care needs of enrollees are met.

If your plan operates in Orange County, please submit the required information as an Exhibit J-17 through the DMHC's eFiling system as an Amendment filing.

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<sup>1</sup> This All Plan Letter does not apply to Medi-Care Advantage health plan products.

**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 [www.news.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.news.caloes.ca.gov) and submitting your email address in the field located on the right hand side of the webpage under the heading “Stay Connected.”

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