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ALL PLAN LETTER

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TO: All Health Care Service Plans¹

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SUBJECT: REVISED APL 26-011 – Compliance with Senate Bill 306 (2025) – First
Data Call

The Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) issues this All Plan Letter (APL) to provide notice to health care service plans (health plans) of compliance requirements with Senate Bill (SB) 306 (Becker, 2025), which added section 1367.025 to the California Health and Safety Code².

Background

Section 1367.025 requires the DMHC to collect and evaluate prior authorization (PA) data submitted by health plans, use the data to guide the development of a list of covered health care services (covered services) that will be exempt from PA requirements, and draft a report on the corresponding impacts.

Section 1367.025 authorizes the DMHC to issue instructions to health plans regarding the reporting of all covered services subject to PA, the percentage rate at which they are approved or modified, and other statistics regarding PA as determined. Section 1367.025 further requires the DMHC to provide a standard reporting template.

¹ This All Plan Letter does not apply to specialized health care service plans, Medi-Cal managed care plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and commercial health care service plans with restricted or limited licenses.

² References herein to “Section” are to sections of the California Health and Safety Code.

First Prior Authorization Data Call Template

The DMHC will conduct two distinct data calls to meet the statutory requirements outlined in section 1367.025. The first data call will collect preliminary data elements, and the second data call will collect additional detailed and granular data necessary to support comprehensive analysis.

The DMHC has developed a standard reporting template for this first data call which health plans must use. Health plans must follow the instructions outlined on the Plan Info Cover Sheet within the reporting template. The submission deadline for this first data call is August 31, 2026. The DMHC will issue additional guidance for the second data call submission requirements at a later date.

Incomplete, inaccurate, or untimely submissions for this first data call, as well as failure to timely comply with DMHC requests for additional information, may be considered noncompliant.

Submitting the First Data Call Through eFiling

Exhibit E-1, Summary of eFiling Information

Provide a brief description of the filing and exhibits included in the filing.

Exhibit PA001 – SB 306 First Data Call Reporting Template

Health plans should populate PA001 – SB 306 First Data Call Reporting Template from the Web Portal Download Section and submit the required filing via the DMHC's eFiling Web Portal, titled "PA001 – SB 306 First Data Call Reporting Template".

Health plans should submit the Exhibit E-1 and Exhibit PA001 – SB 306 First Data Call Reporting Template electronically to the DMHC as a "Report/Other" filing type via the DMHC's eFiling portal as follows:

- Select "File Documents",
- Select "New Filing" and under Filing Type, select "Report/Other",
- Enter "PA001 – SB 306 First Data Call Reporting Template" under Description,
- Click on "Create Filing" button,
- Click on upload document, then
- Attach Exhibit E-1 and Exhibit PA001 – First Data Call Reporting Template under "Select File" and click "Upload".

Amendment: Stakeholder Comments and Frequently Asked Questions

This amendment provides responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs) submitted by stakeholders regarding the PA001 – SB 306 First Data Call Reporting Template. The attached FAQ clarifies existing reporting requirements and promotes consistent reporting and implementation across health plans.

If you have questions regarding this APL, please contact the DMHC Complaint Data & Analytics Branch at HC.Data.Analytics@dmhc.ca.gov.