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Provider Alert

To: **Sharp Health Plan Providers and Provider Office Staff**
From: **Sharp Health Plan**
Date: **December, 22, 2022**
Subject: **SB 245: Health Care Coverage: Abortion Services: Cost Sharing**

Attention Sharp Health Plan Provider Partners,

This communication is to inform you of newly enacted California state legislation Senate Bill 245 - Health Care Coverage: Abortion Services: Cost Sharing. This bill, effective January 1, 2023, prevents the collection of any cost sharing including copays for any abortion or abortion-related services, for non-high deductible health plans. Below is a summary of SB 245.

- Prohibits deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement on all abortion and abortion-related services, including pre-abortion and follow-up services.
- Prohibits a health care service plan from imposing utilization management or utilization review, including prior authorization, on the coverage for outpatient abortion services.

Please reference the attached document to review legislation information.

Sincerely,

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