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## Provider Alert

**To:** Sharp Health Plan Providers and Provider Office Staff  
**From:** Sharp Health Plan  
**Date:** August 23, 2024  
**Subject:** All Plan Letter APL 23-025 - Enacted Statutes Impacting Health Plans

Attention Provider Partners,

This communication is to remind you of the key California state legislation covered in All Plan Letter APL 23-025 that will be effective in 2024 and 2025.

We have identified and highlighted the following legislation that has a higher impact:

### **AB 254: Confidentiality of Medical Information Act**

- Effective January 1, 2024, bill states that any business offering reproductive or sexual health digital services to a consumer for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment, or management of a medical condition, shall be deemed a provider of health care.

### **AB 352: Health Information**

- Effective July 1, 2024, any business deemed a provider of health care that electronically stores or maintains medical information related to sensitive services shall do the following regarding disclosure of medical information related to gender affirming care, abortion and abortion-related services and contraception:
  - Limit user access privileges to only those persons who are authorized to access that information.
  - Prevent the disclosure, access, transfer, transmission, or processing of medical information to persons and entities outside of California.
  - Segregate such information from the rest of the member's record.
  - Provide the ability to automatically disable access to segregated medical information by individuals and entities in other states.
- A health care provider shall not cooperate with any inquiry or investigation by, or provide medical information to any individual, agency or department from another state to the extent permitted by federal law, to a federal law enforcement agency that would identify an individual and that is related to an individual seeking or obtaining abortion services that are lawful in California, unless authorized under Civil Code Section 56.110.

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## **AB 659: Cancer Prevention Act**

- Effective January 1, 2024, Plans shall provide coverage for the human papillomavirus vaccine for enrollees for whom the vaccine is approved by the FDA. Plans are not allowed to impose a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or other cost sharing requirement on vaccine.

Discussion of each bill may be found in the APL on the pages identified in the table below:

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An overview of bills in APL 23-025 and other 2024 enacted legislation can be found on the DMHC website at [www.dhmc.ca.gov](http://www.dhmc.ca.gov) or <http://bit.ly/3x3czkd>.

Questions? Please contact Sharp Health Plan Provider Account Management by email at [provider.relations@sharp.com](mailto:provider.relations@sharp.com) or by phone at 1-858-499-8330. Thank you for your partnership.

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