



Provider Alert

To: Sharp Health Plan Providers and Provider Office Staff
From: Sharp Health Plan
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Subject: All Plan Letter APL 22-031

Attention Provider Partners,

This communication is to inform you of the newly enacted California state legislation covered in All Plan Letter APL 22-031. Please note the following legislation:

AB 2132: Healthcare Services Tuberculosis

- Effective January 1, 2025, this bill mandates that patients aged 18 or older receiving care in a facility, clinic, center, office, or other setting where primary care services are provided, shall be offered tuberculosis screenings, if risk factors are identified, to the extent these services are covered under the patients' health care coverage. Additionally, if a screening test is positive, the health care provider must offer follow-up care or refer the patient to another provider. Providers who fail to comply shall not be subject to any disciplinary actions related to licensure or certification, or to any civil or criminal liability, because of non-compliance. [Bill Text - AB-2132 Health care services: tuberculosis.](#)

AB 2129: Postpartum Contraceptives

- Effective January 1, 2025, this bill focuses on increasing access to immediate postpartum contraception and requires the health plan to allow providers to separately bill for devices, implants, or professional services related to immediate postpartum contraception. [Bill Text - AB-2129 Immediate postpartum contraception.](#)

SB 1120: Regulates AI in Health Plan Utilization Review

- Effective January 1, 2025, this bill regulates the use of AI in health plans' prior authorization decisions and management functions, ensuring that AI tools cannot deny, delay, or modify healthcare services based on medical necessity. These determinations must be made by a licensed physician or other competent healthcare provider, with adequate human oversight. For more details, refer to [Bill Text - SB-1120 Healthcare coverage: Utilization Review](#)

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AB 1936: Maternal Mental Health Screening

- Effective January 1, 2025, health plans in California must include specific maternal mental health screenings in their programs. The program mandates at least one maternal mental health screening during pregnancy and at least one additional screening during the first six weeks of the postpartum period. More information can be found in [Bill Text - AB-1936 Maternal mental health screenings](#).

AB 2105: PANDA and PANS

- Effective January 1, 2025, AB 2105 mandates that health plans in California provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS. Health plans must cover the costs associated with diagnosing and treating PANDAS/PANS and cannot deny or delay coverage based on previous treatments or diagnoses under different names. More information can be found in [Bill Text - AB-2105 Coverage](#) for PANDAS and PANS.

Best regards,
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