

## California Health & Wellness Member Handbook Errata

There are changes to your Member Handbook described in this Errata. The language shown below is now part of your Member Handbook.

California Health & Wellness is here to help. If you have any questions, call toll free **1-877-658-0305 (TTY 711)**. California Health & Wellness is here Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit us online at [www.CAHealthWellness.com](http://www.CAHealthWellness.com).

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# 3. How to get care

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## Referrals

Your PCP or another specialist will provide you a referral to visit a specialist within the time frame listed in the “Timely access to care” section of this handbook, if you need one. A specialist is a doctor who has extra education in one area of medicine. Your PCP will work with you to choose a specialist. Your PCP’s office can help you set up a time to go to the specialist.

Other services that might need a referral include in-office procedures, X-rays, lab work and some services from a specialist.

Your PCP may give you a form to take to the specialist. The specialist will fill out the form and send it back to your PCP. The specialist will treat you for as long as they think you need treatment.

Your PCP will start the referral process. Your PCP will know whether you need an authorization or whether you can make the appointment directly. If you have any questions about whether care from a specialist or from a hospital needs approval, you can call Member Services at 1-877-658-0305 (TTY 711). Routine referrals take up to 5 working days to process (“working days” are Monday through Friday) but may take up to 28 calendar days (14 days from the date of the original request plus an additional 14 days if an extension is requested) if more information is needed from your PCP. In some cases, your PCP may ask to rush your referral. Expedited (rush) referrals may not



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take more than 72 hours. Please call our plan if you do not get a response by these times.

If you have a health problem that needs special medical care for a long time, you may need a standing referral. This means you can go to the same specialist more than once without getting a referral each time.

If you have trouble getting a standing referral or want a copy of the California Health & Wellness referral policy, call 1-877-658-0305 (TTY 711).

You do not need a referral for:

- PCP visits
- Obstetrics/Gynecology (OB/GYN) visits
- Urgent or emergency care visits
- Adult sensitive services, such as sexual assault care
- Family planning services (to learn more, call Office of Family Planning Information and Referral Service at 1-800-942-1054)
- HIV testing and counseling (12 years or older)
- Sexually transmitted infection services (12 years or older)
- Chiropractic services (a referral may be required when provided by out-of-network FQHCs, RHCs and IHCPs)
- Initial mental health assessment
- Acupuncture (the first two services per month; additional appointments will need a referral)
- Podiatry services
- Eligible dental services
- Routine perinatal care from a doctor that works with California Health & Wellness
- Certified nurse midwife services
- Initial behavior health assessment from a behavioral health provider that works with California Health & Wellness.

Minors can also get certain outpatient mental health services, sensitive services and substance use disorder services without parent's consent. For more information read "Minor consent services" and "Substance use disorder treatment services" in this handbook.



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## **California Cancer Equity Act Referrals**

**Effective treatment of complex cancers depends on many factors including getting the right diagnosis and getting timely treatment from cancer experts.**

**If you are diagnosed with a complex cancer, the new California Cancer Care Equity Act allows you to ask for a referral from your doctor to get cancer treatment specifically from an in-network National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center, NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP)-affiliated site, or qualifying academic cancer center.**

**If California Health & Wellness does not have an in-network NCI-designated cancer center, California Health & Wellness will allow you to ask for a referral to get cancer treatment from one of these out-of-network centers in California, if one of the out-of-network centers and California Health & Wellness agree on payment, unless you choose to see a different cancer treatment provider.**

**If you have been diagnosed with cancer, contact California Health & Wellness to see if you qualify for services from one of these cancer centers.**

# **4. Benefits and services**

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## **Medi-Cal benefits covered by California Health & Wellness**

### **Outpatient (ambulatory) services**

#### ***Cognitive health assessments***

California Health & Wellness covers an annual cognitive health assessment for members who are 65 years of age or older, and are otherwise not eligible for a similar assessment as part of an annual wellness visit under the Medicare Program. A cognitive health assessment looks for signs of Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

# Nondiscrimination Notice

California Health and Wellness follows State and Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate, exclude people or treat them differently because of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.

California Health and Wellness provides:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate better with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages.

If you need these services or to request this document in an alternative format, contact the California Health and Wellness Customer Contact Center at 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you believe that California Health and Wellness has failed to provide these services or unlawfully discriminated in another way, you can file a grievance with California Health and Wellness by phone, in writing, in person or electronically:

- By phone: Call California Health and Wellness Plan Civil Rights Coordinator at 1-866-458-2208 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- In writing: Fill out a complaint form or write a letter and send it to California Health and Wellness Plan Civil Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 10287 Van Nuys, CA 91410-0287.
- In person: Visit your doctor's office or California Health and Wellness and say you want to file a grievance.
- Electronically: Visit California Health and Wellness's website at [www.cahealthwellness.com](http://www.cahealthwellness.com).

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the California Department of Health Care Services, Office of Civil Rights by phone, in writing or electronically:

- By phone: Call 916-440-7370. If you cannot speak or hear well, please call 711.
- In writing: Fill out a complaint form or write a letter and send it to Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health Care Services, Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 997413, MS 0009, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413.

Complaint forms are available at [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language\\_Access.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language_Access.aspx).

- Electronically: Send an email to [CivilRights@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:CivilRights@dhcs.ca.gov).

If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by phone, in writing or electronically:

- By phone: 1-800-368-1019 (TDD: 1-800-537-7697).
- In writing: Fill out a complaint form or send a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201.

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

- Electronically: Visit the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>.

**English:** If you, or someone you are helping, need language services, call 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). Aids and services for people with disabilities, like accessible PDF and large print documents, are also available. These services are at no cost to you.

**Arabic:** إذا كنت أنت، أو أي شخص تساعد، بحاجة إلى الخدمات اللغوية، فاتصل بالرقم 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). تتوفر أيضاً المساعدات والخدمات للأشخاص ذوي الإعاقة، مثل الملفات المنقولة (PDF) التي يمكن الوصول إليها والمستندات المطبوعة الكبيرة. تتوفر هذه الخدمات بدون تكلفة بالنسبة لك.

**Armenian:** Եթե դուք կամ որևէ մեկը, ում դուք օգնում եք, ունեն լեզվական օգնության կարիք, զանգահարեք 1-877-658-0305 (TTY` 711) հեռախոսահամարով: Հաշմանդամություն ունեցող մարդկանց համար հասանելի են օգնություն և ծառայություններ, ինչպես օրինակ՝ մատչելի PDF և մեծ տպագրությամբ փաստաթղթեր: Այս ծառայությունները ձեզ համար անվճար են:

**Cambodian:** ប្រសិនបើអ្នក ឬនរណាម្នាក់ដែលអ្នកកំពុងជួយ ត្រូវការសេវាផ្នែកភាសា សូមទូរសព្ទទៅលេខ 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711) ។ ជំនួយ និងសេវាកម្មផ្សេងៗសម្រាប់មនុស្សពិការ ដូចជា PDF ដែលអាចប្រើសម្រាប់មនុស្សពិការបាន និងឯកសារព្រឹត្តិការណ៍ធំៗ ក៏ត្រូវបានផ្តល់ជូនផងដែរ។ សេវាកម្មទាំងនេះមិនមានគិតតម្លៃសម្រាប់អ្នកទេ។

**Chinese:** 如果您或您正在帮助的其他人需要语言服务，请致电1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711)。另外，还为残疾人士提供辅助和服务，例如易于读取的 PDF 和大字版文件。这些服务对您免费提供。

**Farsi:** اگر شما یا هر فرد دیگری که به او کمک می‌کنید نیاز به خدمات زبانی دارد، با شماره 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711) تماس بگیرید. کمک‌ها و خدماتی مانند مدارک با چاپ درشت و PDF دسترس‌پذیر نیز برای معلولان قابل عرضه است. این خدمات هزینه‌ای برای شما نخواهد داشت.

**Hindi:** यदि आपको, या जिसकी आप मदद करे हैं उसे, भाषा सेवाएँ चाहिए, तो कॉल करें 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711)। विकलांग लोगों के लिए सहायता और सेवाएँ, जैसे सुलभ PDF और बड़े प्रिंट वाले दस्तावेज़, भी उपलब्ध हैं। ये सेवाएँ आपके लिए मुफ्त उपलब्ध हैं।

**Hmong:** Yog hais tias koj, los sis ib tus neeg twg uas koj tab tom pab nws, xav tau cov kev pab cuam txhais lus, hu rau 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). Tsis tas li ntawd, peb kuj tseem muaj cov khoom siv pab thiab cov kev pab cuam rau cov neeg xiam oob qhab tib si, xws li cov ntaub ntawv PDF uas tuaj yeem nkag cuag tau yooj yim thiab cov ntaub ntawv luam tawm uas pom tus niam ntawv loj. Cov kev pab cuam no yog muaj pab yam tsis xam nqi dab tsi rau koj them li.

**Japanese:** ご自身またはご自身がサポートしている方が言語サービスを必要とする場合は、1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711) にお問い合わせください。障がいをお持ちの方のために、アクセシブルなPDFや大きな文字で書かれたドキュメントなどの補助・サービスも提供しています。これらのサービスは無料で提供されています。

**Korean:** 귀하 또는 귀하가 도와주고 있는 분이 언어 서비스가 필요하시면 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711)번으로 연락해 주십시오. 장애가 있는 분들에게 보조 자료 및 서비스(예: 액세스 가능한 PDF 및 대형 활자 인쇄본)도 제공됩니다. 이 서비스는 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다.

**Laotian:** ຖ້າທ່ານ, ຫຼື ບຸກຄົນໃດໜຶ່ງທີ່ທ່ານກຳລັງຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ, ຕ້ອງການບໍລິການແປພາສາ, ໂທ 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). ນອກນັ້ນ, ພວກເຮົາຍັງມີອຸປະກອນຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ ແລະ ການບໍລິການສຳລັບຄົນພິການອີກດ້ວຍ, ເຊັ່ນ ເອກະສານ PDF ທີ່ສາມາດເຂົ້າເຖິງໄດ້ສະດວກ ແລະ ເອກະສານພິມຂະໜາດໃຫຍ່. ການບໍລິການເຫຼົ່ານີ້ແມ່ນມີໄວ້ຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອທ່ານໂດຍບໍ່ໄດ້ເສຍຄ່າໃດໆ.

**Mien:** Da'faanh Meih, Fai Heuc Meih Haih Tengx, Oix Janx-kaeqv waac gong, Heuc 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). Jomc Caux gong Bun Yangh mienh Caux mv fungc, Oix dongh eix PDF Caux Bunh Fiev dimc, Haih yaac kungx nyei. Deix gong Haih buatc Yietc liuz maiv jaax-zinh Bieqc Meih.

**Punjabi:** ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ, ਜਾਂ ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਮਦਦ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹੋ, ਨੂੰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711) 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। ਅਪਾਰਜ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ, ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਪੜ੍ਹਚਯੋਗ PDF ਅਤੇ ਵੱਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼, ਵੀ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ ਹਨ।

**Russian:** Если вам или человеку, которому вы помогаете, необходимы услуги перевода, звоните по телефону 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). Кроме того, мы предоставляем материалы и услуги для людей с ограниченными возможностями, например документы в специальном формате PDF или напечатанные крупным шрифтом. Эти услуги предоставляются бесплатно.

**Spanish:** Si usted o la persona a quien ayuda necesita servicios de idiomas, comuníquese al 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). También hay herramientas y servicios disponibles para personas con discapacidad, como documentos en letra grande y en archivos PDF accesibles. Estos servicios no tienen ningún costo para usted.

**Tagalog:** Kung ikaw o ang taong tinutulongan mo ay kailangan ng mga serbisyo sa wika, tumawag sa 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). Makakakuha rin ng mga tulong at serbisyo para sa mga taong may mga kapansanan, tulad ng naa-access na PDF at mga dokumentong malaking print. Wala kang babayaran para sa mga serbisyonang ito.

**Thai:** หากคุณหรือคนที่คุณช่วยเหลือ ต้องการบริการด้านภาษา โทร 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711) นอกจากนี้ยังมีความช่วยเหลือและบริการสำหรับผู้ทุพพลภาพ เช่น PDF ที่เข้าถึงได้และเอกสารที่พิมพ์ขนาดใหญ่ บริการเหล่านี้ไม่มีค่าใช้จ่ายสำหรับคุณ

**Ukrainian:** Якщо вам або людині, якій ви допомагаєте, потрібні послуги перекладу, телефонуйте на номер 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). Ми також надаємо матеріали та послуги для людей з обмеженими можливостями, як-от документи в спеціальному форматі PDF або надруковані великим шрифтом. Ці послуги для вас безкоштовні.

**Vietnamese:** Nếu quý vị hoặc ai đó mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ cần dịch vụ ngôn ngữ, hãy gọi 1-877-658-0305 (TTY: 711). Chúng tôi cũng có sẵn các trợ giúp và dịch vụ dành cho người khuyết tật, như tài liệu dạng bản in khổ lớn và PDF có thể tiếp cận được. Quý vị được nhận các dịch vụ này miễn phí.