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INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN



To: Medi-Cal IPAs and Medi-Cal PCPs
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: **Medi-Cal Podiatry Benefits**

As a reminder, The State of California eliminated podiatry coverage benefit for adults age 21 and over effective July 1, 2009. **IEHP adult Medi-Cal Members will continue to receive medically necessary podiatry services to prevent hospitalization and/or serious medical complications.** IEHP covers all medically necessary foot care and Podiatry services for Members who are diabetic, and for services provided to a Medi-Cal beneficiary by contracted Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHCs) or Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) regardless of the recipient's age.

Benefit Coverage (Members up to age 21):

Podiatry services are provided by podiatrists licensed in the State of California acting within the scope of their practice as authorized by California law. Podiatric office visits described by procedure codes 99201-99203 and 99211-99213 in the current CPT **are covered as medically necessary**. All outpatient podiatry services can be subject to prior authorization by contracted IPA and **are limited to medical and surgical services necessary to treat disorders of the feet, ankles, or tendons that insert into the foot, secondary to or complicating chronic medical diseases, or which significantly impair the ability to walk**. Podiatry services rendered on an emergency basis are exempt from prior authorization. Podiatry services can be limited to a maximum of two services in any one calendar month.

Benefit Exclusion:

Routine or non-medically necessary foot care is not a covered benefit.

For examples of covered and non-covered benefits listed in the Benefits Manual, visit the IEHP website at www.iehp.org and click on 'For Providers' - > 'Benefits Manual' - > 'Medi-Cal'.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.