

# Provider Bulletin

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## Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Guidance on Network Provider Agreements – APL 26-007

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Medi-Cal line of business.

This notification is based on [All-Plan Letter \(APL\) 26-007](#), which can be found in full on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website.

### What you need to know:

DHCS issued APL 26-007 (supersedes APL 19-001) to clarify how health plans determine whether a provider qualifies as a Network Provider. The goal is to ensure consistency across Network Provider Agreements, Subcontractor Agreements, and Downstream Subcontractor Agreements; provider directory reporting; network adequacy certification; and directed payments.

This guidance applies statewide to all Medi-Cal managed care plans and is intended to standardize contracting, agreement requirements, and oversight practices, including ensuring agreements meet standardized DHCS requirements outlined in the [Network Provider Agreement Template Checklist \(Attachment A\)](#).

### When this is happening:

Molina is required to ensure its Network Provider Agreements comply with this updated guidance at the next contract renewal, or no later than December 31, 2027, whichever occurs first.

Providers may be contacted individually if an updated agreement is needed as part of the normal contract renewal or compliance process.

## Provider Action

No immediate action is required at this time.

Providers should:

- Continue delivering services as outlined in their current agreement.
- Review and sign updated contracts only if contacted by Molina.
- Maintain Medi-Cal enrollment and credentialing, as already required.



## **POLICY**

Under APL 26-007, a provider is considered a Network Provider when all of the following are in place:

- The provider is enrolled in Medi-Cal and credentialed and recertified, as applicable
- There is a fully executed written Network Provider Agreement with Molina, a Subcontractor, or Downstream Subcontractor that complies with DHCS requirements and applicable contractual and regulatory standards, including required elements outlined in Attachment A
- The provider is accurately reflected in Molina's network and provider directory reporting

Providers who do not meet these requirements may not be included in Molina's network reporting or considered for network adequacy purposes.

Molina is also responsible for ensuring that subcontractors and downstream subcontractors meet these requirements and maintain compliant agreements.

DHCS also clarified that only services provided under compliant Network Provider Agreements are eligible for certain directed payment arrangements approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

### **What if you need assistance?**

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your [Molina Provider Relations Representative](#).