

June 22, 2009

Dear Vision Provider:

**Re: Adult Medi-Cal Vision Benefit Changes**

The California state legislature has approved the elimination of many optional Medi-Cal benefits after receiving limited funds from the federal stimulus plan. **Effective July 1, 2009**, Medi-Cal will not cover the following Optometry benefits for **adult** beneficiaries: routine eye exams, glasses and TPA services. These cuts will impact about 100,000 IEHP Members. The **only** optometric service covered for our adult Medi-Cal Members will be diabetic retinal exams.

The law considers Medi-Cal beneficiary an adult on their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday therefore, Medi-Cal beneficiaries under 21 years of age will continue to have the same benefit coverage through IEHP's Vision Program.

We look forward to sustaining our successful working relationship with you. IEHP appreciates your patience and collaboration in finding innovative ways to meet the healthcare needs of our community. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions at (909) 890-2010.

Sincerely,

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IEHP Chief Executive Officer