



<b>Policy Title:</b> Abortion Services		<b>POLICY #: 10.2.19</b>	
<b>Department Name:</b> Utilization Management		<b>Original Date</b> 4/10	<b>Effective Date</b> 5/19
			<b>Revision Date</b> 12/18, 3/22, 9/22, 01/23
<b>VP Approval:</b> 			<b>Date of Approval:</b> 2/15/2023
<b>Medical Services/P&amp;T Committee: (If Applicable) PHP CMO:</b> 			<b>Date of Committee Review:</b> 2/9/2023

**A. PURPOSE:**

To define the policy and procedure and provide guidance on how Blue Shield Promise Health Plan (BSCPHP) will ensure ready access to sensitive services and maintain the confidentiality in the provision of such services, as set forth in Title 22, CCR Section 5327.

**B. DEFINITIONS:**

1. **Sensitive Services** are those services related to sexual assault, substance or alcohol abuse, pregnancy, family planning and sexually transmitted diseases for members. Under the Medi-Cal Minor Consent Program, parental consent is not needed for minors who wish to receive abortion services.

**C. POLICY:**

- I. Abortion, including the medical services and supplies incidental or preliminary to an abortion, is covered by the Medi-Cal program as a physician service. Medical justification and prior authorization for abortion is not required.
- II. Inpatient hospitalization for the performance of an abortion does require prior authorization under the same criteria as other medical procedures.

**D. PROCEDURE:**

- I. Abortion is a sensitive service. BSCPHP's policies and procedures assure that confidentiality and access to sensitive services are maintained.
- II. Beneficiaries will not be charged for abortion services.
- III. No medical justification or prior authorization will be required for abortion services; however, provider requests for inpatient hospitalization for the performance of an abortion will require prior authorization.
- IV. BSCPHP and its delegated IPAs and Medical Groups shall provide timely access to abortions in-network or arrange and pay for the procedure out of network.

E. MONITORING:

N/A

F. REPORTING:

N/A

G. REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS:

1. APL 22-022: Abortion Services

H. REVISION HISTORY:

Date	Modification (Reviewed and/or revised)	E-Filing Number
2/2023	Updated Regulatory Requirements DHCS	