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Kern Health Systems strives to provide periodic updates to our contracted network regarding benefit and coverage changes for Kern Family Health Care members as directed by our regulatory body, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

Among other new data collection requirements for 2019 and beyond, screening for Chlamydia trachomatis, the most common bacterial sexually transmitted disease in the U.S., will be included as a new HEDIS (Health Care Effectiveness Data and Information Set) measure beginning in reporting year 2019. This HEDIS indicator measures the proportion of sexually active females between the ages of 15 and 24 who were screened for chlamydial infection annually.

The following link provide important information regarding chlamydia screening and treatment as well as other resources that can be used to educate both providers and members.

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/chlamydia/default.htm>

HEDIS measures will change dramatically over the next 6-12 months with providers required to effectively screen and document outcomes of the screening and preventative measures. Kern Health Systems will be held accountable for attaining a baseline of 50th percentile of the defined minimal performance level to avoid financial sanctions by DHCS. Below is the list of new measure

[California Department of Health Care Services Managed Care Accountability Set for Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans](#)

If you have questions, please contact the KHS Health Services Department at (661) 664-5083.

Thank you,

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