



Santa Clara
Family Health Plan
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To: Federal Qualified Health Centers

From: Jennifer Clements, Director of Provider Operations

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Subject: **Podiatric and Chiropractic Services at Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics**

Dear Providers:

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) clarified that Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans must cover podiatric and chiropractic services when provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs). For more information please see the DHCS All Plan Letter 15-003 on the [DHCS website](#).

Effective July 1, 2009, DHCS discontinued optional Medi-Cal podiatric and chiropractic services, with certain exceptions. Additional exceptions will be added for the provision of podiatric and chiropractic services at an FQHC and RHC. The Medi-Cal Provider Manual will be updated to reflect these new exceptions, in addition to the existing exceptions to the 2009 elimination of these services. The link to the Medi-Cal Provider Manual can be found within DHCS' All Plan Letter 15-003.

Please contact us and advise if your Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic provides Podiatric and/or Chiropractic services. Call us at 1-408-874-1788 or email us at providerservices@scfhp.com.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support!