

# Memorandum

**To:** Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

**From:** Vicki Wrihster, Director of Network Operations

**Re:** **Postpartum Care Extension Program Update**

**Date:** February 24, 2022

The state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced that the Provisional Postpartum Care Extension Program will no longer be a provisional benefit for Medi-Cal members. The newly-named Postpartum Care Extension Program will provide extended coverage for members during and after pregnancy.

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) encourages providers to share this program's availability with members who may qualify. The program extends coverage by GCHP for up to 12 months after the end of pregnancy regardless of income, citizenship, or immigration status and no additional action is needed.

Members will be notified of this change via a letter in early April. Along with information on the program, members can access postpartum resources, including literature and a new parent e-newsletter, on the [GCHP website](#).

For more information, contact the Provider Relations Department at [ProviderRelations@goldchp.org](mailto:ProviderRelations@goldchp.org).

Thank you.