

# Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers and Subcontractors

From: Jeffrey Yarges, Senior Compliance Director

Re: **All-Plan Letter (APL) 23-003, Skilled Nursing Facilities – Long Term Care Benefit Standardization and Transition of Members to Managed Care**

Date: May 18, 2023

On March 14, 2023, the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released [All Plan Letter \(APL\) 23-004, "Skilled Nursing Facilities – Long Term Care Benefit Standardization and Transition of Members to Managed Care."](#) It provides requirements to all Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) on the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Long Term Care (LTC) benefit standardization provisions of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, including the mandatory transition of beneficiaries to managed care. Benefit standardization will help ensure consistency in the benefits delivered by managed care and fee-for-service statewide.

The APL provides guidance and technical assistance regarding the following policy requirements under the APL:

- I. Benefit Requirements
- II. Network Readiness Requirements
- III. Leave of Absence or Bed Hold Requirements
- IV. Continuity of Care Requirements
- V. Treatment Authorizations
- VI. Preadmission Screening and Resident Review
- VII. Facility Payment
- VIII. Population Health Management Requirements
- IX. Long-Term Services and Supports Liaison
- X. MCP Quality Monitoring
- XI. Monitoring and Reporting
- XII. Policies and Procedures

Please refer to APL 23-004 for more information.

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