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Medi-Cal

Important Provider Notice: #539

Subject: Changes to Process for Sterilization Consent Forms – Effective for Claims Processed on and after April 1, 2026

Effective October 16, 2025, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) replaced the long-time sterilization consent form, PM 330, with a new version: DHCS 8649 form. Providers are reminded that while they can continue to use the PM 330 through August 31, 2026, they are strongly encouraged to start using the new DHCS 8649 form as soon as possible. Effective for claims received on and after September 1, 2026, the new DHCS 8649 form will be required, and the PM 330 will no longer be accepted.

With relation to this change, Partnership HealthPlan of California has made a few updates as well. Effective for claims processed on and after April 1, 2026, Partnership will no longer be sending letters informing providers of the denial of their claim. In the event your claim is denied for not being billed with a consent form or if the consent form is attached but is incomplete or invalid, the outcome of the denial will be reflected on your Remittance Advice (RA) with the following CARC / RARC codes:

- If denied for a missing consent form, Partnership will deny with Explanation (EX) Code P8 – Denied – Consent Form Missing and the RA will reflect CARC Code 252 (an attachment / other documentation is required to adjudicate this claim / service and RARC Code N3 – Missing Consent Form).
- If denied for an incomplete / invalid consent form, Partnership will deny with EX Code p8 – Denied – Consent Form Incomplete / Invalid and the RA will reflect CARC Code 251 (the attachment / other documentation that was received was incomplete or deficient. The necessary information is still needed to process the claim and RARC Code N228 – Incomplete / Invalid Consent Form).

For further information regarding this, please contact the Partnership Claims Department at **(707) 863-4130** or **(855) 798-8757**.