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RE: Health Services Contract Termination- Urge Agreement and Renewal



The undersigned Partnership Health Plan Board Members, representing Nevada, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Yolo Counties, collectively request that Partnership HealthPlan, a Medi-Cal Managed Care Provider, and CommonSpirit Health (operating locally as Dignity Health) expeditiously enter into a mediation process to reach an agreement to restore Medi-Cal services within the CommonSpirit Health network.



While we understand that both parties have been negotiating in earnest, the pace of negotiations was too slow to prevent expiration of the current contract on March 31, 2024. It is essential for Partnership HealthPlan and CommonSpirit Health to reach agreement as soon as possible.

The expiration of the contract between Partnership HealthPlan and CommonSpirit Health presents formidable challenges for our communities and greatly impacts primary care, emergency care, pharmacy, and mental health services for over 64,000 Northern California members in Nevada, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Yolo counties. Those with significant medical issues, mental health issues, and the elderly and pregnant are now faced with finding alternate care and many are extremely anxious.

We are deeply troubled by the ongoing detriment to the well-being of these patients arising from the challenge of having to find other providers due to your inability to

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timely conclude contract negotiations. We are also hearing significant concerns regarding capacity from other providers in our counties which is having serious impacts on capacity and wait times. For these reasons, we urge you to expeditiously engage a mediator and move forward to reaching an agreement.

Please let us know your specific plan for proceeding with mediation, including a timeframe for selecting a mediator and convening the initial session. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.



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