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To: All Medi-Cal IPAs
From: IEHP Delegation Oversight and Quality Teams
Date: June 11, 2024
Subject: **Cologuard Home Screening Kit – IEHP Plan Risk**

IEHP's annual Standing Orders Program for Colorectal Cancer Home Screening kits is a best practice to help our Members complete this important cancer screening. This program aims to engage IEHP Members 45-75 years of age who are due for a recommended colorectal cancer screening.

In support of our IPA Partners and Providers engagement of Members in completing colorectal cancer screenings, effective June 15, 2024 the Exact Sciences – Cologuard home screening kit will become health plan responsibility. IEHP is assuming the risk for the kit and administrative cost associated with it.

The Cologuard colorectal cancer screening home kit provides the following benefits for IEHP Members:

- Screening is only required every 3 years, unlike other noninvasive options that require screening every year – **Members remain in the Colorectal Cancer Screening quality measure numerator for 3 years!**
- Kits are delivered directly to Members' homes;
- Members can complete the test at home, on their schedule;
- There is no specific test preparation needed;

Encouraging your contracted providers to opt in to the IEHP standing orders program will maximize the advantages of this new health plan financial responsibility. Standing orders opt in forms will be available to Providers beginning June 1, 2024.

Once a Provider enrolls in the standing orders program, we will coordinate with Exact Sciences to send a Cologuard home screening kit to **all** assigned IEHP Members ages 45-75 years of age who are due for the recommended screenings prior to the end of the year. The financial responsibility will be IEHP's to continue colorectal cancer screening efforts on behalf of delegated Providers that elect not to participate in IEHP's standing orders program.

Your partnership ensures our Members achieve optimal health and receive their recommended preventive health services without delay. If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact IEHP's Provider Call Center at 909-890-2054.

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