



MEMORANDUM

To: Licensed Health Plans

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From: Brian J. Bartow
Chief, Licensing Division

Subject: DMHC Name Change

As you know, on July 1, 2000, the Department of Managed Care began operating and assumed oversight of managed health care plans from the Department of Corporations.

This is to inform you that the Department is in the process of changing its name to the Department of Managed *Health* Care. We are seeking this name change to clarify the nature and purpose of the Department and its problem-solving and regulatory authority. To implement the change, we are pursuing statutory changes that we anticipate will become effective on January 1, 2001.

As a result, we are requesting that all health plans begin revising subscriber and enrollee materials to reflect the new name ("Department of Managed Health Care") and the Department's new web site (www.hmoHELP.ca.gov). We request that you begin making such changes to subscriber and enrollee materials as they are revised in the ordinary course of business, on or before June 30, 2001.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact either your assigned licensing counsel or Brian J. Bartow at (916) 323-0416.