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Section 51309.5@ Scope of Sign Language Interpreter Services

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(a)

Sign language interpreter services, as set forth in Section 51098.5, are covered as part of the Medi-Cal enrolled provider service subject to the limitation specified in subsection (b). Sign language interpreter services may be utilized for medically necessary health care services and related services such as, or similar to: (1) Obtaining medical history. (2) Obtaining informed consent and permission for treatment. (3) Explaining diagnoses, treatment and prognoses of an illness. (4) Communicating prior to, during or after medical procedures. (5) Providing instructions regarding medication. (6) Explaining instructions for self-care and/or therapy activities, upon discharge from a health care facility to an unsupervised home setting. (7) Providing mental health assessment, therapy or counseling. (8) Obtaining or providing case management information.

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(b)

Reimbursement shall be limited to Medi-Cal enrolled providers employing fewer than fifteen employees.

(c)

Sign language interpreter services shall not be covered for a beneficiary who is receiving services in a health care facility that is required by federal regulation 45 Code of Federal Regulations Section 84.52 to provide such services.