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Senate Bill 487 (Atkins) Abortion: Provider Protections

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to Medi-Cal and Marketplace lines of business.

What you need to know:

Background

Existing law declares another state's law authorizing a civil action against a person or entity that receives or seeks, performs or induces, or aids or abets the performance of an abortion, or who attempts or intends to engage in those actions, to be contrary to the public policy of this state, and prohibits the application of that law to a controversy in state court and the enforcement or satisfaction of a civil judgment received under that law. This bill would specifically include within these provisions, in addition to abortion performers, abortion providers.

When this is happening:

The bill prohibits plans, on or after January 1, 2024, from including in a provider contract any term that would result in termination or nonrenewal of the contract or otherwise penalize the provider, based solely on a civil judgment issued in another state, a criminal conviction in another state, or another disciplinary action in another state, if the judgment, conviction, or disciplinary action is based solely on the application of another state's law that interferes with a person's right to receive care that would be lawful if provided in this state.

Provider Action

The full SB can be found at:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/biNNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB487



What if you need assistance?

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