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POLICY AND PROCEDURE	Effective date:	
Informed Consent	Revision date:	

POLICY:

Site personnel receive training and/or information on member rights that include informed consent, human sterilization consent.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Written Member Rights should be available at the office site. Staff should be able to locate the written Member Rights list and explain how to use the information.
- II. Staff trainings regarding member rights may be part of office staff education documented in:
 - Informal or formal in-services
 - New staff orientation
 - External training courses

III. Informed Consent

Patients shall be informed about any proposed treatment or procedure that includes medically significant risks, alternate courses of treatment or non-treatment and the risks involved in each and the name of the person who will carry out the procedure or treatment. Documentation of this discussion and the signed consent shall be written and included in the member’s medical record.

Note: Patient rights incorporate the requirements of the Joint Commission, Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 70707 and Medicare Conditions of Participation.

Requirements include but are not limited to:

- Conducted by physician or physician designee
- Offered informational brochure published by the DHCS and copy of consent form must be given to the member
- Provided answers to any question the member may have
- Inform the member they may withdraw or withhold consent to procedure at any time before the sterilization
- Describe fully the available alternatives of family planning and birth control
- Advise that the sterilization procedure is considered irreversible
- Explain fully the description of discomforts and risks and benefits of the procedure

NOTE: Department of Health Care Services COB Letter 87-1 revision 2 and Title 22 code or regulations Sections 51163 and 501305.1-513-5.7 define Medi-Cal Sterilization and Hysterectomy Regulations and Procedures.

ATTACHMENT: [Consent for Sterilization](#) (sample)
[DHCS Sterilization Informational Brochure](#) (English and Spanish)