

# Provider Bulletin

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## 2024 Senate Bill and Assembly Bill Mandate Updates

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to all lines of business, to inform you of the following mandated Senate Bills (SB) and Assembly Bills (AB) updates.

### What you need to know:

- **AB 952 (Wood) – Dental Coverage Disclosures**
  - This bill would require a health care service plan or health insurer that issues, sells, renews, or offers a contract covering dental services, including a specialized health care service plan or specialized health insurer covering dental services, to disclose whether an enrollee's or insured's dental coverage is "State Regulated" through a provider portal, if available, or otherwise upon request, on or after January 1, 2025.
  - Full AB can be found at: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB952](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB952)
- **AB 1048 (Wicks) Dental Benefits and Rate Review**
  - This bill, on and after January 1, 2025, would prohibit a health care service plan or health insurer that covers dental services, including a specialized health care service plan or health insurer that covers dental services, from issuing, amending, renewing, or offering a plan contract or policy that imposes a dental waiting period provision or preexisting condition provision, as specified. Because a violation of these requirements by a health care service plan would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
  - Full AB can be found at: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB1048](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1048)
- **AB 1369 (Bauer-Kahan) Out-of-State Physicians and Surgeons: Telehealth: License Exemption**
  - Under this bill, the David Hall Act, a person licensed as a physician and surgeon in another state, as specified, would be authorized to deliver health care via telehealth to an eligible patient who, among other requirements, has an immediately life-threatening disease or condition, as specified.
  - Full AB can be found at: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB1369](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1369)

- **AB 425 (Alvarez) Pharmacogenomic Testing**
  - This bill would, commencing on July 1, 2024, add pharmacogenomic testing as a covered benefit under Medi-Cal, as specified. The bill would define pharmacogenomic testing as laboratory genetic testing that includes, but is not limited to, a panel test, to identify how a person's genetics may impact the efficacy, toxicity, and safety of medications.
  - Full AB can be found at: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB425](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB425)
- **SB 496 (Limon) – Biomarker Testing**
  - This bill would require a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 2024, to provide coverage for medically necessary biomarker testing, as prescribed, including whole genome sequencing, for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of an enrollee's or insured's disease or condition to guide treatment decisions, as prescribed. The bill would specify that it does not require a health care service plan or health insurer to cover biomarker testing for screening purposes unless otherwise required by law. The bill would subject restricted or denied use of biomarker testing for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment, or ongoing monitoring of a medical condition to state and federal grievance and appeal processes. Because a willful violation of these provisions by a health care service plan would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
  - Full SB can be found at: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240SB496](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB496)



## **What if you need assistance?**

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