

# PROVIDER Update



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## Required Specialty Types and Age Ranges for Participating Physician Groups

On February 16, 2018, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released All Plan Letter 18-005 regarding guidance on new annual network certification, network reporting requirements and associated network adequacy standards for managed care health plans by way of requirements issued in CMS-2390-F (Final Rule) sections 438.68, 438.206 and 438.207.

Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. (Health Net) must demonstrate and maintain a network adequate to serve adult and pediatric members within its service areas via the number, types and geographic location of providers.

In areas where the network may not be adequate, Health Net and/or its network of participating physician groups (PPGs) must allow members to access services out-of-network (OON) for any deficient network components. Health Net PPGs cannot restrict members to only access practitioners in its own provider network if network adequacy deficiencies exist, and must authorize services for OON providers.

Health Net will work with its network PPGs to ensure an adequate number of primary care physicians (PCPs) and specialist providers are available and to collect the patient age ranges for all practitioners. This will assist members to quickly identify PCP and specialist providers for children, particularly providers who are not assigned a pediatric taxonomy and specialization (such as dermatologist versus pediatric dermatologist).

### PROVIDER AGE RANGES

The patient age range categories are displayed below for PPGs to use when validating the information for its network. This information will be displayed in the online and hard copy provider directories for members.

Age, lowest to highest	Description
000-120	Provider is accepting all members, children and adults
005-120	Provider is accepting children, ages 5 to adult
000-018	Provider is accepting children, birth to age 18
018-120	Provider is accepting adults, ages 18 and older
021-120	Provider is accepting adults, ages 21 and older

#### THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO CALIFORNIA PROVIDERS:

- Physicians
- Participating Physician Groups
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers

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## REQUIRED SPECIALTIES

DHCS required specialty types for adequacy standard reporting includes adult and pediatric provider types, and is not limited to the DHCS critical specialties. Health Net monitors for network adequacy and will coordinate with PPGs on any identified network deficiencies.

### DHCS required adult and pediatric specialties

Cardiologist/Interventional Cardiologist	General Surgeon	Neurologist	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Dermatologist	Hematologist	Obstetrician/Gynecologist	Primary Care Physician
Endocrinologist	HIV/AIDS	Oncologist	Pulmonologist
ENT/Otolaryngology	Infectious Diseases	Ophthalmologist	
Gastroenterologist	Nephrologist	Orthopedic Surgeon	

### Other required specialties

Allergist/Immunologist	Maternal/Fetal Medicine	Podiatrist	Urologist
Anesthesiologist	Neonatologists	Radiation Oncology	Vascular Surgeon
Cardiovascular Surgeon	Neurological Surgeon	Radiologist/Nuclear Medicine	
Colon and Rectal Surgeon	Pain Medicine	Rheumatologist	
Geneticist	Plastic Surgeon	Thoracic Surgeon	

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update, contact the Health Net Medi-Cal Provider Services Center within 60 days at 1-800-675-6110.