



California's **Coordinated Care Initiative**
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Date
Patient Name
Address
City, CA ZIP

Dear (Type your patient's name here):

If you haven't already received letters from the California Department of Health Care Services about Cal MediConnect, you may receive them sometime over the next year, prior to your birth month. Cal MediConnect is a program being offered to people who have both Medicare and Medi-Cal. The letters will come in blue envelopes. If you receive those blue envelopes, please open them and read the information provided.

Cal MediConnect is a new type of health care plan that will combine your medical, mental health, and long-term services and supports into one health plan. Cal MediConnect plans will help you coordinate your care and your Medicare and Medi-Cal services. This will help you, your doctors, and caregivers work together to get you the care you need and help you live a healthy life.

If you are eligible for Cal MediConnect, you need to make a choice about how you want to receive your Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits. Joining Cal MediConnect is your choice. However, if you don't make an active choice, you will be automatically enrolled in a Cal MediConnect plan. If you do not want to join a Cal MediConnect plan, you can keep your Medicare the way it is now. You will have to choose a Medi-Cal plan for your Medi-Cal benefits. You will not lose your Medicare or Medi-Cal benefits no matter what you choose. Joining a health plan does not cost you anything. I encourage you to watch for the blue envelopes in your mail, look at the information sent to you, and make the choices that are best for you.

Even though I am not part of Cal MediConnect, if you want to join a Cal MediConnect plan, you may be able to keep me as your doctor. If you want to keep me as your doctor, you must contact the Cal MediConnect plan and tell them you would like to keep me as your doctor. You may only be able to keep me as your doctor for six months, and then you may need to change to another doctor in the Cal MediConnect plan network. If you have questions about this, please call my office.

As your doctor, I want to make sure you have the information you need to understand your options and make the best choice for you.

Sincerely,

(Type your name here), M.D.

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