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MEMORANDUM

TO: QUEST Integration (QI) Health Plans

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SUBJECT: ELECTIVE CAESAREAN SECTION – NOT COVERED

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify the health plans that this memo replaces BEN-1101 which was previously issued on November 17, 2011. The following updated content will apply under the QI contract RFP-MQD-2021-008.

The purpose of this memo is to serve as a reminder that only medically necessary healthcare services are covered under our programs. Elective services are not covered. Accordingly, elective Caesarean section is not a covered service.

Elective Caesarean sections scheduled too early can result in a higher likelihood of newborn death, the newborn being admitted to a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), and life-long health problems for the newborn. There is an elective births measure (PC-01-AD) that is part of the CMS Adult Core set.

We appreciate health plan efforts to reduce the rate of inappropriate Caesarean sections and to prevent iatrogenic prematurity.

Please contact Jon Fujii via e-mail at jfujii@dhs.hawaii.gov if you have any questions.