

provider has provided directly or indirectly to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, except for services, supplies, goods, or merchandise provided prior to the suspension.

a. **Automatic Suspensions/Mandatory Exclusions.** The provider shall be automatically suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Upon notice from the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that Provider has been excluded from participation in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. No administrative appeal of a suspension on this ground shall be available to Provider. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(b),(c)).
- (2) If Provider has license(s), certificate(s), or other approval(s) to provide health care services, revoked or suspended by a federal, California, or another state's licensing, certification, or approval authority, has otherwise lost that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s), or has surrendered that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s) while a disciplinary hearing on that license, certificate, or approval was pending. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.6).
- (3) If Provider is convicted of any felony or any misdemeanor involving fraud, abuse of the Medi-Cal program or any patient, or otherwise substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a provider of services. Suspension following conviction is not subject to the proceedings under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14123(c). However, the director may grant an informal hearing at the request of the provider to determine in the director's sole discretion if the circumstances surrounding the conviction justify rescinding or otherwise modifying the suspension.

b. **Permissive Suspensions/Permissive Exclusions.** The provider may be suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Provider violates any of the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with Section 14000 except for Sections 14043-14044), or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 14200) or any rule or regulations promulgated by DHCS pursuant to those provisions. Administrative appeal pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 100171. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(a),(c)).
- (2) Provider fails to comply with DHCS's request to examine or receive copies of the books and records pertaining to services rendered to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Administrative appeal pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 100171. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14124.2).
- (3) Provider participating in the Medi-Cal dental program provides services, goods, supplies, or merchandise that are below or less than the standard of acceptable quality, as established by the California Dental Association Guidelines for the Assessment of Clinical Quality and Professional Performance, Copyright 1995, Third Edition, as periodically amended. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(f)).

c. **Temporary Suspension.** The provider may be temporarily suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Provider fails to disclose all information as required in federal Medicaid regulations or any other information required by DHCS, or discloses false information. Administrative appeal pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.65. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.2(a)).

