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Guidance Relating to Non-Discrimination in Medical Treatment for COVID-19

The State of California understands that people with disabilities are concerned that medical providers might consider an individual's disability status when determining which patients to treat if hospitals or other health care facilities experience a surge of patients needing life-saving care.

On April 1, 2020, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) released a joint bulletin containing guidance relating to non-discrimination in medical treatment for COVID-19.

This joint bulletin reminds health care providers and payers that rationing care based on a person's disability status is impermissible and unlawful under both federal and state law.

You may review the complete joint bulletin by visiting <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/COVID-19/Joint-Bulletin-Medical-Treatment-for-COVID-19-033020.pdf>.

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