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Partnership HealthPlan of California Committed to Ensuring Access to Care as NorthBay Health Terminates Contract

FAIRFIELD – NorthBay Health is one step closer to terminating its contract with Partnership HealthPlan of California, impacting more than 7,000 Partnership members currently assigned to NorthBay primary care providers, and more than 20,000 utilizing specialty or hospital care in Solano County. The termination would be effective December 1, 2022. Partnership is saddened by NorthBay's decision, but is committed to ensuring access and minimal disruption to care for members affected by the termination. Partnership is a nonprofit community-based health care organization charged with administering Medi-Cal benefits to vulnerable populations in our communities.

"Negotiations are ongoing and we hope to come to an agreement before December 1, 2022," said Elizabeth Gibboney, CEO of Partnership, which serves 14 Northern California counties. "NorthBay was instrumental in the organization of Partnership in 1994 and has been a valuable partner in caring for our members, and we hope to maintain that relationship. We have begun preparations, should the termination move forward on December 1, to ensure all our members have access to the care they need."

Partnership members assigned to NorthBay providers will receive notification letters beginning November 1, 2022. The letters will provide information on accessing care, including selecting a new primary care doctor and how to continue receiving care for treatments already started.

This change does not impact Partnership members' Medi-Cal eligibility or benefits. Partnership members are encouraged to call Member Services at (800) 863-4155 with any questions or concerns.

About Partnership HealthPlan of California: Partnership is a nonprofit community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits. Partnership provides quality health care to approximately 660,000 Medi-Cal members. Beginning in Solano County in 1994, Partnership now provides services to 14 Northern California counties – Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity, and Yolo.

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