

## NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Discrimination is against the law. Blue Shield of California complies with applicable state laws and federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, pregnancy or related conditions, sex characteristics, sex stereotypes, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability. Blue Shield of California does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, pregnancy or related conditions, sex characteristics, sex stereotypes, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Blue Shield of California provides:

- Aids and services at no cost to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - ✓ Qualified sign language interpreters
  - ✓ Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - $\checkmark$  Qualified interpreters
  - $\checkmark$  Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Blue Shield of California Customer Service using the number on the back of your member ID card.

If you believe that Blue Shield of California has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, pregnancy or related conditions, sex characteristics, sex stereotypes, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability, you can file a grievance with:

Blue Shield of California Civil Rights Coordinator P.O. Box 5588, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762-0011 Phone: (844) 831-4133 (TTY: 711) Fax: (844) 696-6070 Email: BlueShieldCivilRightsCoordinator@blueshieldca.com

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201 Phone: 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.