Date

Patient Name

Address

City, CA ZIP

Dear (Type patient’s name here):

Sometime in the next year, prior to the month of your birthday, you may get letters from the California Department of Health Services about Cal MediConnect, a program being offered to people who have both Medicare and Medi-Cal. The letters will come in blue envelopes. If you receive those blue envelopes, please open them and read the information provided.

Cal MediConnect is a new type of health care plan that will combine your medical, mental health, and long-term services and supports into one health plan. Cal MediConnect plans will help you coordinate your care and your Medicare and Medi-Cal services. This will help you, your doctors, and caregivers work together to get you the care you need and help you live a healthy life.

If you are eligible for Cal MediConnect, you need to make a choice about how you want to receive your Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits. Joining Cal MediConnect is your choice. However, if you don’t make an active choice, you will be automatically enrolled in a Cal MediConnect plan. If you do not want to join a Cal MediConnect plan, you can keep your Medicare the way it is now. You will have to choose a Medi-Cal plan for your Medi-Cal benefits. You will not lose your Medicare or Medi-Cal benefits no matter what you choose. Joining a health plan does not cost you anything. I encourage you to watch for the blue envelopes in your mail, look at the information sent to you, and make the choices that are best for you.

As your doctor, I want to make sure you have the information you need to understand your options and make the best choice for you. I am part of Cal MediConnect so whether or not you join I can still be your doctor.

Along with this letter, you will find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about Cal MediConnect, as well as some resources for getting your questions answered. I hope you find it helpful. You can also contact my office at (XXX) XXX-XXXX to find out which Cal MediConnect plans we accept.

Sincerely,

Type your name here, M.D.

Enclosure