NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Discrimination is against the law. The MHP follows Federal civil rights laws. The MHP does not discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

The MHP provides:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to help them communicate better, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact The SCBH Access Team (24/7) by calling 1-800-870-8786 (toll-free) or 707-565-6900. Or, if you cannot hear or speak well, please call 1-800-735-2929 or 711.

HOW TO FILE A GRIEVANCE

If you believe that the MHP has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with the MHP. You can file a grievance by phone, in writing, in person, or electronically:

- By phone: Contact Sonoma County Behavioral Health Grievance Coordinator by calling 707-565-7895 (Mon-Fri 8am-5pm) or calling 1-800-870-8786 (toll-free) 24/7. Or, if you have trouble hearing or speaking, please call 1-800-735-2929 or 711.
- <u>In writing</u>: Fill out a grievance form, or write a letter and send it to:

Sonoma County Behavioral Health C/O Grievance Coordinator 2227 Capricorn Way, Suite 207 Santa Rosa, CA 95407-5419

In person: Visit your provider's office or the MHP and say you want to file a
grievance.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by phone, in writing, or electronically:

- <u>By phone</u>: Call **1-800-368-1019**. If you cannot speak or hear well, please call **TTY/TDD 1-800-537-7697**.
- In writing: Fill out a complaint form or send a letter to:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201

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

<u>Electronically</u>: Visit the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf.