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TO: The LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Advisory Group and  
All School, County, and Tribal Coordinators for the  
Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) and  
Targeted Case Management (TCM) Programs

SUBJECT: Update on the California Department of Health Services Reorganization

This letter is to advise the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing Option Advisory Group and all local coordinators for the TCM program and the School-Based MAA (SMAA), County-Based MAA (CMAA), and Tribal MAA programs that the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) has undergone a major reorganization (with new names), as described below.

Effective July 1, 2007, Senate Bill 162 (SB 162) established the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) within the existing Health and Human Services Agency and statutorily transferred certain responsibilities from CDHS to the new CDPH. At the same time, CDHS is renamed as the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

There are several benefits to the reorganization of CDHS into CDPH and DHCS:

- To provide more focused leadership in public health and health care financing at the state level.
- To streamline management of complex program components along functional lines.
- To create a more effective public health infrastructure in California resulting in decreased illness, injury, and death rates.
- To provide greater protection for California residents in the event of an act of bioterrorism or other major public health emergency.
- To increase accountability, responsiveness, effectiveness and transparency for the public health and health care purchasing functions of state government.

- To provide visibility on important health care issues to providers, local health departments, the Federal Government, the State Legislature, advocates, the press, and the general public.
- To recruit and retain top quality staff for the new Departments.

Current day-to-day operations for the CMAA, SMAA, Tribal MAA, TCM, and LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option programs continue under the new Health Care Programs, Safety Net Financing Division, Administrative Claiming Local & Schools Services (ACLSS) Branch in the new DHCS.

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Phone numbers for all programs remain the same. Email addresses for all staff have changed according to this pattern: [Firstname.Lastname@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Firstname.Lastname@dhcs.ca.gov); however, DHCS staff continue to receive email at their previous addresses.

For more information about the DHCS reorganization, including background, organization charts and frequently asked questions, go to the following website:

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/home/organization/reorganization>

Sincerely,

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