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PPL NO. 09-017

TO: Local Governmental Agency (LGA) Coordinators for the County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) Program

SUBJECT: OVERSIGHT AND CERTIFICATION FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

The purpose of this Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) is to advise LGAs of their continued oversight and certification responsibilities with regard to certified public expenditure (CPE) claims submitted to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (W & I) Code § 14132.47(d), each LGA may subcontract with either governmental or non-governmental entities to perform Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal program.

In accordance with DHCS guidelines and pursuant to W&I Code § 14132.47(c)(1), each LGA must certify to DHCS of the accuracy of all CPE.

LGAs are the sole certification authority to DHCS to ensure appropriate and adequate CPE and that claims submitted for reimbursement meet the criteria for CPE. Appropriate CPE is defined in 42 CFR 433.51. Adequate CPE is an amount equal to or greater than the total computable amount on the invoice.
For additional clarification regarding CPE, refer to PPL 08-006, which can be found on DHCS, CMAA and TCM website under Policies & Legislation. If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding this PPL, please contact Mr. Bob Baxter, Policy Unit Chief, at (916) 552-9618 or Bob.Baxter@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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