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PPL No. 09-022

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

SUBJECT: Countywide Averages for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09, 3rd and 4th Quarters (Jan 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009).

This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) provides CMAA programs with the enclosed listing “Medi-Cal Eligibles as a Subset of California by County Population for Calendar Year (CY) 2008.” This list, commonly referred to as the “countywide average,” includes Medi-Cal eligibles that have a share of the cost.

The countywide average is one of the approved discounting methods for a CMAA program to determine the Medi-Cal percentage. If an LGA program specifies in its CMAA claiming plan that it will use the countywide average to discount costs, the respective countywide average must be used on the invoice. Because this statistical data is collected on a calendar year (C/Y) basis and CMAA invoices are submitted on a fiscal year (F/Y) basis, the information on the enclosed listing must be used on CMAA invoices for the 3rd and 4th quarters of FY 2008-09 only.

This data will not be posted on the DHCS Medi-Cal Care Statistics Section (MCSS) website as it has been in the past; DHCS will continue to distribute this data by issuing PPLs, which will be posted to the DHCS website under the Forms, Laws, and Publications tab.
If you have any questions concerning this PPL, please contact Linda Hayes, Chief of the County-Based MAA Unit, at (916) 341-3969 or Linda.Hayes@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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