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

SUBJECT: **Countywide Averages for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12.**

The purpose of this Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) is to provide LGAs participating in the CMAA Program with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) quarterly Medi-Cal countywide averages for FY 2011-12.

The countywide average is one of the approved discounting methods for CMAA Program participant claiming. When an LGA's CMAA claiming plan indicates the use of a countywide average to discount costs, the respective countywide average must be used on the invoice. Therefore, a countywide average PPL will be published and provided to LGAs participating in the CMAA Program each fiscal year to coincide with the invoice submission schedule.

The statistical information used to develop the quarterly countywide averages is collected from two sources: the California Department of Finance (DOF)¹ and DHCS². The DOF population statistics are published annually, on a calendar year basis, and provide an estimate of the yearly population totals by county. The DHCS Medi-Cal beneficiary enrollment population totals are published on a continuous basis and provide monthly Medi-Cal beneficiary totals by county for the most recent 24 months of activity. To calculate the quarterly countywide averages, the DHCS Medi-Cal beneficiary enrollment population totals are averaged for each county by quarter, then the quarterly county averages are divided by the DOF estimated population totals for each county. The resulting quarterly quotients are then converted to a percentage for each county known as the quarterly countywide average.

¹ State of California, Department of Finance, E-1 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State with Annual Percent Change - January 1, 2011 and 2012.
http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/estimates/e-1/documents/E-1_2012_Internet_Version.xls

² State of California, Department of Health Care Services, Medical Beneficiaries, Summary Pivot Table, Most Recent 24 Months, September 2011.
http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/dataandstats/statistics/Documents/Medi-Cal_Beneficiaries_Most_Recent_24_Months.xls

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The accompanying document to this PPL, the "California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal Countywide Averages for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12" includes the DOF estimated average population for calendar years 2011 and 2012, the DHCS average number of Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries for FY 2011-12 segregated by quarters (Q1: July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011, Q2: October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, Q3: January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012, and Q4: April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012), and the number of Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries shown as a percentage by county for all four quarters of FY 2011-12. LGAs with CMAA claiming plans that indicate they will use the countywide average must use the quarterly Medi-Cal eligible beneficiary percentage as the countywide average percentage to discount costs on their quarterly invoices.

If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding this PPL, please contact James "Rob" Williams, Chief, CMAA Unit at (916) 552-9075 or James.Williams2@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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