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Mental Health

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DMH INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 03-12

TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS FOR CALIFORNIA CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
HEALTHCARE NEEDS (CCSHN)

REFERENCE: DMH INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 01-05

The purpose of this information notice is to inform Mental Health Plans (MHPs) that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) has rescinded the annual reporting requirements for CCSHN included in the DMH/MHP contracts at Exhibit A, Attachment 1, Section X (Section BB in the San Mateo contract) and DMH Information Notice No. 01-05. The MHP reporting requirements for CCSHN were previously required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a condition of its approval of Medi-Cal managed mental health care waiver programs as they operated through August 2003. The most recent waiver approval letters from CMS do not require continuation of this reporting, because CMS has determined that new federal Medicaid managed care regulations supersede the earlier CMS waiver requirements for children with special health care needs.

DMH intends to issue contract amendments to delete the requirement in the near future. Until such time as contract amendments are completed, please consider this letter formal notification that annual CCSHN reporting is no longer required.



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If you have questions or need additional information regarding this notification, please contact Ms. Rita McCabe-Hax, Chief, Medi-Cal Policy and Support Section, at (916) 654-5722.

Sincerely,

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