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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)
ADMINISTRATORS, AND STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES
(CMS) BRANCH STAFF

SUBJECT: FAMILY HANDBOOK – WHAT PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD KNOW
ABOUT CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

We are pleased to announce the publication and distribution of the revised Family Handbook – What Parents/Guardians Should Know About California Children's Services. The revised Family Handbook is designed to give families basic information about the CCS program and provides additional information regarding a variety of services which may be available to families caring for children with special health care needs.

The CMS Branch is in the process of distributing the revised English and Spanish versions of the Family Handbooks to all counties, based on the county's caseload. We recommend that counties add their office address and telephone number(s) to the back of the Family Handbook.

Due to current budget constraints, only a limited number of Handbooks were printed. At this time, additional copies are available and can be ordered. Instructions for ordering can be found in the CMS Forms and Publications Catalog at www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/publications/Documents/CMS/CMSCatalog.pdf. We advise counties to be judicious in ordering additional hard copies. Both the English and Spanish versions of the Family Handbook can be viewed at the publications section of the CCS website www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs. The Handbook can then be downloaded and printed.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Office.

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