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TO: ALL LOCAL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS) PROGRAM AND GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM (GHPP) STAFF, CCS MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, COUNTY MEDICAL STAFF, AND SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION (SCD) STAFF

SUBJECT: PEDIATRIC MULTIVITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS

The purpose of this information notice is to communicate that effective December 1, 2014, Medi-Cal ceased to cover pediatric multivitamin supplements. All pediatric <u>multivitamin</u> supplements including those used to treat genetic diseases have been made non-payable in the Medi-Cal billing system as these products have been deemed a non-covered benefit by the Medi-Cal Program. Because the CCS Program and GHPP utilize the Medi-Cal billing system, claims submitted by their 11-digit (NDC-like) billing codes will be denied, even with an authorized Service Authorization Report.

Products that are now non-payable include, but are not limited to, the following: Adavite, AKEDAmins, AquaDeks Pediatric Liquid, Centrum Kids Chew Tabs, Centrum Liquid, Cerovite Jr Chew Tabs, Flintstones Gummies and Chewable Tabs, One-A-Day Tablets, Poly-Vi-Flor Drops/Tablets, Poly-Vi-Sol Drops/Tablets.

Dates of service <u>prior</u> to December 1, 2014 will remain payable (by its 11-digit code) in the billing system until February 1, 2015.

Multivitamin supplements deemed medically necessary for the CCS Program and GHPP clients may be authorized via the CCS Program's work-around. For information regarding the workaround, see <u>This Computes #421</u>.

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