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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)  
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL DIRECTORS, AND MEDICAL  
CONSULTANTS; STATE SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION (SCD) STAFF

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN THE CCS MEDICAL THERAPY PROGRAM (MTP)  
MEDICAL THERAPY CONFERENCE (MTC) BY CCS PROGRAM  
MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND MEDICAL CONSULTANTS

This Numbered Letter (N.L.) provides guidance and policy to county CCS Programs and State SCD Regional Offices on the participation of State and County CCS Program Medical Consultants and Medical Directors in the CCS MTP MTC.

**Background:**

The goal of the CCS MTP is to assist each eligible child in obtaining maximum physical potential through the provision of therapy services. This goal is achieved by determining the nature of the child's disability and its effect on her physical growth, personality development, and learning process. This requires the combined services of practitioners from physician, occupational therapy, physical therapy, educational, nursing, nutrition, and social work disciplines. The MTC brings the child and her family or caregiver together with this multi-disciplinary team to ensure she realizes maximum benefit from physical and occupational therapy services she receives through the CCS MTP. The MTC physician is the team leader and makes the final determination of the child's MTC plan of care. The MTC physician is the key MTC resource for medical information to be provided to the CCS family and other team members. This physician provides dispute resolution and oversight of the prescriptions from private physicians.

**Policy:**

1. Based on the mutually exclusive roles and responsibilities of the MTC physician and the CCS Medical Consultant or Medical Director and the oversight responsibilities of the CCS staff physicians, it is not appropriate for a CCS Medical Consultant or Medical Director to routinely function in the MTC physician role in the county in which they are employed as a CCS physician.

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An exception to this proscription can be exercised at the discretion of a County CCS Program Administrator or the SCD Chief Medical Officer in order to ensure access of eligible children to CCS MTP services when no appropriately qualified physician can be identified in the community to participate in the MTC as the MTC physician.

2. It is inconsistent with the State/County CCS partnership for a CCS Program Medical Consultant or Medical Director to claim personal reimbursement for MTC participation as an MTC physician in the county in which the CCS physician is employed by submitting outpatient claims for reimbursement to the CCS fiscal intermediary.

An exception to this proscription can be exercised at the discretion of the SCD Chief Medical Officer when necessary to address unique circumstances.

**Policy Implementation:**

1. Effective the date of this letter, a CCS Medical Consultant or Medical Director shall not act a CCS MTP MTC physician except when specifically authorized by a county CCS Program Administrator or the SCD Chief Medical Officer in accordance with the exception provided for above.
2. Effective the date of this letter, a CCS Medical Consultant or Medical Director shall not submit claims for reimbursement to the CCS fiscal intermediary for participating in a CCS MTP MTC as the MTC physician in the county in which the CCS physician is employed unless specifically authorized to do so by the SCD Chief Medical Officer in accordance with the exception provided for above.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY LOUIS RICO**

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