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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS)
ADMINISTRATORS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS)
BRANCH REGIONAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS, AND CMS CASE
MANAGEMENT SECTION ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: CCS FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY POLICY REGARDING NATIVE
AMERICAN INDIANS

This is to inform you that CCS financial eligibility policy as it relates to financial eligibility determinations for Native American Indians, as specified in Chapter 6, Section III, B. (Situations not Requiring Financial Eligibility Determinations) is rescinded.

As of the date of this letter, CCS programs shall no longer exempt Native American Indian families from CCS financial eligibility. These families must meet the CCS Program financial eligibility requirements unless they meet one of the valid reasons for not requiring a financial eligibility determination. The only acceptable exceptions currently are:

1. Diagnostic services provided upon evidence or suspicion that a CCS-eligible condition exists.
2. Medical therapy services provided in a CCS Medical Therapy Unit or similar services provided by alternate sources as a result of insufficient staffing (See Chapter 4, Section 4.4.5 of the CCS Manual of Procedures).
3. Children who are eligible for full scope Medi-Cal without a share of cost.
4. Children who are Healthy Families subscribers.



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5. Children adopted with CCS eligible conditions in accordance with Section 123965 of the Health and Safety Code.
6. Immunization Adverse Reaction Fund (see Chapter 1, Section 1.7 of the CCS Manual of Procedures).

The financial eligibility exception for Native American Indians was originally established based on documentation, stating that certain Native American Indians who work on an Indian reservation qualify for a state income tax exemption. After further reviewing this documentation there is nothing that specifies or implies that this population would also be exempt from meeting financial eligibility for state administered public medical programs. Therefore, it has been determined that these families in order to be eligible for CCS must meet CCS financial eligibility.

This policy change will be updated in Chapter 6 of the CCS Procedure Manual and will also be included in the CCS residential/financial eligibility regulation package (R-50-O1E) that is currently being developed. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact your appropriate Regional Office Consultant.

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