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**Department of Health Care Services
Children's Medical Services Network
(CMS Net) - Information Bulletin #307**

Registered Warrants

At the request of the State Controller's Office (SCO), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has implemented changes in the provider payment system necessary to issue Registered Warrants to certain health care providers beginning on July 2, 2009, until further notice. The Department of Health Care Services' Fiscal Agent, Electronic Data Systems, will discontinue electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments to providers and begin issuing (paper) Registered Warrants through the SCO for:

- California Children's Services (CCS) (General Fund/County Funds)
- Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP) (General Fund)
- Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) (General Fund)

The following payments, including EFTs, will continue to be made:

- CCS/Medi-Cal
- CCS/Healthy Families
- GHPP/Medi-Cal
- CHDP/Medi-Cal

If you have an inquiry about registered warrants from a provider, please refer the provider to the Provider Bulletin on Registered Warrants at the Medi-Cal website, <http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/>. The Provider Bulletin is attached for your information. Providers should continue to monitor the Medi-Cal website for the most current information on Registered Warrants. Additional information on Registered Warrants is available the SCO website http://www.sco.ca.gov/eo_news_registeredwarrants.html

Registered Warrants Issued to Specific Providers - June 26, 2009

As requested by the State Controller's Office (SCO), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has made the necessary changes to implement Registered Warrants to certain health care providers and programs beginning July 2, 2009, until further notice.

Registered Warrants, or IOUs, are legal negotiable instruments that are paid with interest. All payments to be registered must be in the form of a Controller's (paper) warrant. As a result, Electronic Fund Payments (EFT) to providers will be discontinued and Registered Warrants payments will be issued. Please note that the programs listed below may have both Medi-Cal and Non Medi-Cal funding associated with them. The issuance of a Registered Warrant will only apply to the non-Medi-Cal portion of the claim payments. The affected programs are as follows:

- California Children's Services (CCS)
- Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP)
- Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) General Fund Only
- Children's Treatment Program (CTP)
- Cancer Detection Programs: Every Women Counts CDP/EWC
- Expanded Access to Primary Care (EAPC)

The payments to the programs noted above will not be issued on July 1, 2009 as previously announced, but instead will be issued as Registered Warrants on July 2, 2009. The Registered Warrants will be mailed to the "Pay To" addresses on file. Providers are urged to verify the accuracy of their information, including the "Pay To" address, to minimize misdirected or returned warrants. Providers may call the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, to verify this information. Any changes to the information on file will require completion of the applicable Provider Enrollment Division form, please refer to following link for further details: http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/prov_enroll.asp.

The following programs shall be excluded from receiving the Registered Warrants. Their checkwrites will be issued on July 1, 2009 with an EFT payment on Friday, July 3, 2009 instead of Monday, July 6, 2009:

- Medi-Cal
- Abortion
- Healthy Families

Providers are encouraged to continue to reviewing the Medi-Cal Web site, at www.medi-cal.ca.gov, for the most current information and details, which will be published as it is available. Additional information regarding Registered Warrants, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be accessed from the SCO Web site at http://www.sco.ca.gov/eo_news_registeredwarrants.html.