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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)
PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, NUTRITIONISTS,
STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF
AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: PEDIATRIC NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (PedNSS)
ANNUAL REPORTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006

The 2006 national, state and county/city PedNSS annual reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are now available on the CHDP website:
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/PedNSS.aspx>

The child health surveillance reports provide prevalence data primarily on nutrition indicators: short stature, underweight, overweight and obesity, anemia (low hemoglobin/hematocrit), low birth weight and high birth weight in children receiving CHDP health assessments. A new health indicator, "Smoking in Household" has been added to 2006 PedNSS Data Reports.

The data for the prevalence reports are extracted from the CHDP Confidential Screening/Billing Report form (PM 160) and transmitted to CDC for analysis and inclusion in the national surveillance system. Prevalence data for nutrition/health indicators are organized into multiple categories of age, race/ethnicity and metro area/county/city. PedNSS is used by multiple users, such as local CHDP programs, schools, university epidemiologists and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

The following tables are available on the CHDP website under the heading, nutrition surveillance:

California Data: Data Summaries, County Comparisons, and Trend Summaries by Specific Indicators (Tables: 1-21 C)

(Breastfeeding and TV viewing data are not collected in California and therefore reports are not available but national data is reported.)

Metro Area: Combined Demographics and Specific Indicator Data for Los Angeles area
(Tables: 4-7G New report)

County/City Comparisons: Demographics, Specific Indicators, County Rankings
(Tables: 4-7 B)

County/City Specific Data: Individual County and City Growth and Anemia Indicators
(Tables: 16-17 B)

Two PowerPoint presentations using California data are available for local program use:

- Children Aged Less than 5 Years
- Children Aged 5 to < 20 Years

Historical PedNSS reports for 2003, 2004 and 2005 continue to be available from the current PedNSS webpage. National PedNSS data and the national PowerPoint presentation will be available in approximately two months.

PedNSS Changes

The addition of a new health indicator, "Smoking in Household" is reported this year. Los Angeles metro area reports are also new. These reports provide a combined report for demographics and specific indicators for the four Los Angeles quadrants. Lastly, the American Medical Association (AMA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Health Resource and Services Administration recently convened an Expert Committee who made Recommendations on the Assessment, Prevention and Treatment of Child and Adolescent Overweight and Obesity. As a result of nationwide adoption of these recommendations, the terminology for childhood overweight has been changed to "overweight" and "obese" according to growth chart percentile categories of 85th - < 95th % and $\geq 95^{\text{th}}$ % respectively.

CMS Performance Measure 6: FY 2006/2007

Use the 2006 PedNSS report, Table 16 B, "County/City Specific Data-Growth Indicators by Race/Ethnicity and Age" for the data source to complete CMS Performance Measure 6, "Prevalence of Children At-Risk for Overweight and Overweight by Age". County and cities reports are no longer separated by individual links. Instead, Table 16 B is a large report of all individual counties and cities; use the "find" function to quickly locate your county/city report.

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Additional Assistance

For technical PedNSS information regarding data quality, record specifications, report formats or PedNSS User's Guide, please go to the CDC PedNSS website:
<http://www.cdc.gov/pednss>.

If you have additional questions about PedNSS reports, please contact your county CHDP Nutritionist or CMS Nutrition Consultant, Judy A. Sundquist, M.P.H., R.D., at (916) 322-8785, or by email, at jsundqui@dhs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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