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CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 04-10

TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: CHDP GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT TO ENABLE ENROLLMENT OF INFANTS UP TO ONE YEAR OF AGE

Infants born to mothers who had Medi-Cal coverage at the time of delivery, who lived with the mother during the month of birth, are automatically eligible for full scope, no cost Medi-Cal until age one as long as the infant continues to reside with the mother in California and the mother remains eligible, or would be eligible if pregnant, for Medi-Cal. This also applies to infants whose mothers were in a Medi-Cal Managed Care plan, as well as those who had Medi-Cal with a Share of Cost (SOC) at the time of birth.

In the Spring of 2004, the CHDP Gateway will be modified to enable CHDP providers to electronically enroll eligible infants into the Medi-Cal Program without their parents having to complete a joint Healthy Families/Medi-Cal application. Changes will be made to the DHS 4073 CHDP Pre-Enrollment Application and automated Gateway pre-enrollment process to link the infant to the mother’s case, thus enabling continued coverage for these infants. With a single CHDP Gateway transaction at a CHDP provider’s office, infants who meet the deemed eligibility criteria will be identified, enrolled, and receive full scope, no cost Medi-Cal benefits until the county welfare department makes a determination on continued coverage.

Information notices for parents of infants under one year of age are being developed in both English and Spanish. CHDP providers will give these notices to families of infants under one year of age at the time of a CHDP visit. With implementation of this enhancement, CHDP providers will no longer need to make newborn referrals.
Additional information about the CHDP Gateway is available on the CHDP Website, www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp. Your continuing participation in the CHDP program is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact your local CHDP office.

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