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CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 05-12

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

SUBJECT: PRE-ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE CHDP GATEWAY WHO ARE EVACUEES FROM STATES HIT BY HURRICANE KATRINA

The purpose of this notice is to ensure that children who are evacuees from areas hit by hurricane Katrina and currently residing in California are able to receive CHDP services if they meet the eligibility criteria for these services.

Over the next several months children displaced by hurricane Katrina - may need health assessments and immunizations. If these children are in California permanently or for an indefinite period of time, including in circumstances where they are unsure of if or when they will be able to leave California, they are California residents. These children who are self certified by their parents or guardians as financially eligible for CHDP can be pre-enrolled through the CHDP Gateway using current procedures. If such a child becomes known to you, please advise the child’s parent or guardian that in completing the DHS 4073, CHDP Pre-Enrollment Application, they:

- Should not check the “Homeless” box on the form
- Should enter a California address at which they can receive United States Mail in the “Home Address” section of the form.

This will ensure that the child’s otherwise complete pre-enrollment transaction will be accepted, that the child will be enrolled in temporary fee-for-service Medi-Cal, and that the child will receive a Benefits Identification Card (BIC) on a timely basis.
When completing the CHDP Confidential Screening/Billing Report, PM 160, please write “Katrina” in the Comments/Problems area. This information will assist in identifying children for whom services were provided and are living in California as a result of their displacement.

Please refer these families to your county Social Services Agency for ongoing health care coverage as well as to Federal Emergency Management Agency (1-800-621-3362) to access other services that are available to Katrina evacuees.

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