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

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF THE JOINT MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES APPLICATION TO CHDP CLIENTS WHO ARE PRE-ENROLLED THROUGH THE CHDP GATEWAY PROCESS

The CHDP Gateway allows CHDP providers, as qualified entities, to presumptively enroll children into either the Health Families Program or the Medi-Cal program through an electronic process. This process is also known as the pre-enrollment process. When a CHDP client is pre-enrolled through the CHDP Gateway at a CHDP provider office, the client can elect to apply for continuing health care coverage through Medi-Cal or Healthy Families by checking the "continuing coverage" Yes Box on the CHDP Pre-Enrollment Application (DHS 4073). When this Box is checked a joint Medi-Cal/Healthy Families Application (MC 321) is mailed to the client.

The pre-enrollment process is intended as a method to facilitate on-going Medi-Cal or Healthy Families coverage for the low-income child seeking preventive health services through the CHDP Gateway. CHDP providers, as qualified entities for pre-enrollment or presumptive eligibility, are also required to make the joint Medi-Cal/Healthy Families Application (MC 321) available and provide them to parents or caregivers. In addition, information in how to obtain assistance in completion of the application must be available.

Providers can obtain and order Healthy Families and Medi-Cal outreach, marketing and enrollment materials at no charge, including the joint Medi-Cal/Healthy Families Application (MC 321) at the Medi-Cal website http://www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs/medi-calhome/HFApp.htm. The order form can be submitted by fax or email. The Healthy Families website has the joint application and completion instructions in various languages that can be downloaded at http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/hf/hfhome.jsp.
Thank you for your continuing participation in the CHDP program. If you have any questions, please contact your local CHDP Program.

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