September 15, 2005

CHDP Program Letter No.: 05-12

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

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

Enclosed is CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 05-12 alerting providers that displaced 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 these children may be presenting at CHDP provider sites in need of health assessments and immunizations. 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.

Should local program become aware of these children by reviewing PM 160’s or by other means, you are asked to direct them to the local welfare agency so that they may be linked to all services they are entitled to.

Please distribute the enclosed Provider Information Notice without any revisions to providers in your local program area and complete and return the “Report of Distribution” (DHS 4504), which can be found at www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Nurse Consultant.

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