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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)
PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, CHILDREN'S
MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH REGIONAL OFFICES, MEDICAL
CONSULTANTS AND NURSE CONSULTANTS

SUBJECT: CARING FOR CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN: PREPARING FOR MENTAL
HEALTH CONSEQUENCES IN TIME OF CRISIS

Enclosed is CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No.: 07-05 informing CHDP
Providers about a Distance Learning Opportunity - **Caring For California's Children:
Preparing for Mental Health Consequences in Time of Crisis.**

To assist primary care providers to understand children and family dynamics in the event of a hazardous event, we are making this web-based educational module available to provide resources and tools to assess and address the mental health needs of children in the event of a community-wide disaster or bioterrorism event. It includes information on prevention, assessment, and treatment of psychological and behavioral symptoms following a disaster. After a disaster, provider offices or clinics may be one of the first places a family will contact for assistance.

This module is based on scientific evidence and expert clinical judgment. It has been developed in collaboration with University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)-RAND National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Center for Research on Quality in Managed Care and the California Department of Health Services. The course introduces providers to critical elements of disasters that impact child mental health, and includes assessment and intervention strategies, with online resources for preparedness. The information, tools, and resources in this course are based on the best available research. The materials have been evaluated for accuracy and comprehensiveness by a panel of disaster experts, child psychiatrists, and pediatricians.

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The Office of Continuing Medical Education, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA designates this educational activity for a maximum of 2 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™].

Enclosed you will find a flyer to assist you in making this information available to others in your community. Please log on at: <http://www.californiaschildren.org>.

Please distribute this Provider Information Notice without any revisions to providers in your county and complete and return a "Report of Distribution" (DHS 4504). The DHS 4504 can be found at www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp.

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

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Enclosure