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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL LOCAL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)  
PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, AND STATE  
CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF

SUBJECT: THE CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)  
GATEWAY AND MINORS IN CUSTODY OR DETENTION AT THE  
COUNTY LEVEL IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

This CHDP Program Letter Supersedes CHDP Program Letter No. 03-31

Counties are responsible for operation of juvenile halls and juvenile detention facilities within their jurisdictions. This responsibility includes the provision of and funding for health care to minors in custody or detention, including the intake health screening, health appraisals, or medical examinations provided to minors newly placed in custody or detention. The advent of pre-enrollment in Medi-Cal through the CHDP Gateway did not change this county responsibility. CHDP providers performing such intake health screening, health appraisals, or medical examinations on behalf of a county must bill the responsible county, not Medi-Cal or CHDP for these services.

Medi-Cal eligibility for persons who are inmates of a public institution is prescribed by Section 50273 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Questions regarding Medi-Cal eligibility for persons in institutional status should be addressed to the county social services agency with jurisdiction for Medi-Cal eligibility determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Harvey Fry, at (916) 327-2435.

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