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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

IMPLEMENTATION OF MINOR CONSENT AID CODES

Effective April 1, 1996 minor consent applicants will be assigned three specific aid codes. These aid codes will replace those now used (82/83 and 34/37). All minor consent cases must use these aid codes for the April 1996 month of eligibility. The use of these aid codes will ensure proper service eligibility and confidentiality. The minor consent "L" codes were eliminated with the implementation of the Benefits Identification Card and these aid codes will identify the appropriate scope of benefits.

Children applying for minor consent services are to be assigned one of these aid codes based on their age and type of service requested. Listed below are the aid codes and category of services for each:

AID CODE	TYPE OF SERVICES
7M	Restricted to minors who are at least 12 years of age, limited to sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, pregnancy and pregnancy related, family planning, and sexual assault services. This aid code may have a share of cost. **This aid code is not to be used for outpatient mental health services.**
7P	Restricted to minors who are at least 12 years of age, limited to sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, pregnancy and pregnancy related, family planning, sexual assault services, **and outpatient mental health treatment and counseling**. This aid code may have a share of cost.
7R	Restricted to minors under age 12 and limited to pregnancy and pregnancy related services, family planning, and sexual assault services. **This aid code is not to be used for outpatient mental health services or drug and alcohol abuse.** This aid code may have a share of cost.

Minors under the age of 12 **must** have aid code 7R for minor consent services. Minors 12 and over will either be assigned aid code 7M or 7P, depending on whether or not they have requested outpatient mental health treatment or counseling. Counties are reminded that minor consent eligibility does not provide inpatient mental health services.

A copy of the provider bulletin is enclosed with this letter. Any questions concerning the minor consent program should be directed to Gary Varner of my staff at (916) 654-5321.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

PROVIDER BULLETIN:
Implementation of Aid Codes 7M, 7P, and 7R
Minor Consent Services

Minor Consent Program recipients do not have full-scope Medi-Cal benefits and are subject to service restrictions. Providers must access the Point of Service (POS) network to identify the range of services for which a Minor Consent recipient is eligible. The POS network returns a service restriction message and one aid code. Minors are entitled to the services indicated by the network and the assigned aid code. Minor consent services are categorized by age as follows:

Under age 12	Age 12 years and older
pregnancy & pregnancy related care	sexually transmitted diseases treatment
family planning services	drug and alcohol abuse treatment/counseling
sexual assault services	mental health outpatient care
	pregnancy and pregnancy related care
	family planning services
	sexual assault services

Methadone treatment, psychotropic drugs, convulsive therapy, psychosurgery, and sterilization are excluded from the services which a minor may receive without parental consent.

For Medi-Cal purposes, three new aid codes have been implemented to be used for minor consent services. Children applying for Medi-Cal minor consent services are assigned an aid code based on their age and whether or not they have requested outpatient mental health treatment and counseling. Below are the aid codes and category of services for each aid code:

Aid Code	Type of Services
7M	Minor Consent Services (non-FFP), restricted to minors who are at least 12 years of age, limited to sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, pregnancy and pregnancy related, family planning, and sexual assault services. This aid code may have a share of cost (SOC).
7P	Minor Consent Services (non-FFP), restricted to minors who are at least 12 years of age, limited to sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, pregnancy and pregnancy related, family planning, sexual assault services, and outpatient mental health treatment and counseling. This aid code may have a SOC.
7R	Minor Consent Services (non-FFP), restricted to minors under age 12, limited to pregnancy and pregnancy related, family planning, and sexual assault services. This aid code may have a SOC.

Minors under the age of 12 must have Aid Code 7R. Minors age 12 or older will have either Aid Code 7M or 7P based on whether the minor has requested outpatient mental health services or not. If the minor has requested outpatient mental health services then they will have Aid Code 7P.