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

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IDENTIFYING AND REPORTING OTHER HEALTH COVERAGE (OHC)

This is a reminder that county welfare departments are required to identify and report the private health coverage of all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal 2-Plan Model Managed Care, Geographic Managed Care (GMC), or County Organized Health System (COHS) plans.

County welfare departments are required to:

- Request information regarding OHC from all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, usually at the time of the eligibility determination or redetermination.
- Report OHC information directly to the Department of Health Services (DHS) using the Health Insurance Questionnaire form (DHS 6155). Counties may also provide health coverage information to Medi-Cal 2-Plan Model Managed Care, GMC, or COHS plans, but this does not supersede the county's responsibilities to report OHC to DHS in a timely manner.
- Update the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System with the appropriate OHC code.
- Verify termination of OHC for a beneficiary by requesting a letter from the insurance company or a signed declaration by the beneficiary that they no longer have this OHC. Keep this documentation on file and submit a copy of the existing DHS 6155 or newly completed DHS 6155 indicating the termination date to the DHS. (Please refer to All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 94-59, dated June 22, 1994, for additional explanation.)

Note: Medi-Cal 2-Plan Model Managed Care, GMC, and COHS enrollment is **not** private health coverage and should **not** be reported through the OHC reporting process. County staff should be aware that erroneous OHC reporting may result in the beneficiary's disenrollment from a Medi-Cal 2-Plan Model Managed Care or GMC Plan.

For more information regarding OHC reporting, see Article 15A of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual. If you require further clarification or have questions, please contact Ms. Susan Shafer of the Health Insurance Cost Avoidance Unit at (916) 323-1974.

Sincerely,

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