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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT: Reinstatement of the Aid Code Clean-Up Effort

This Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) informs counties that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is reinstating the Aid Code Clean-Up effort.

Background

Prior findings from the California State Auditor identified numerous individuals who are either enrolled in an obsolete, pre-Affordable Care Act (ACA) aid code or who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the assigned aid category, and an eligibility determination was not performed. The purpose of the aid code cleanup effort is to assist counties with identifying records that require an eligibility reevaluation to either transition individuals to the correct Medi-Cal aid code or appropriately discontinue coverage. To facilitate this process, DHCS provides counties with three reports. While many of the records listed are active in the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS), others are active only in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) and no longer appear in SAWS—referred to as “runaway” records.

The Aid Code Clean-Up effort consists of the following three reports:

- 1) Pre-ACA Aid Codes Report
- 2) Transitional Aid Codes Report
- 3) M1/M2 Transitional Records Report

Pre-ACA Aid Codes Report

The Pre-ACA report includes records with active eligibility in MEDS under aid codes that have been retired and should no longer be in use. Counties must review these records to determine the appropriate next steps, such as completing a redetermination or discontinuing eligibility, as applicable.

Transitional Aid Codes Report

The Transitional Aid Code report includes records of individuals with active eligibility to programs that include: Presumptive Eligibility, Accelerated Enrollment, Craig vs. Bonta, and Edward vs. Kizer. Typically, a full eligibility determination is completed within 90 days of the initial transitional eligibility or 45 days for Craig vs. Bonta individuals. However, the records on this list have remained in these transitional programs for an extended period of time and require county review and follow-up. For additional information, please reference the “Notable Aid Codes” section in [ACWDL 24-17](#).

M1/M2 Transitional Records Report

The M1/M2 report includes records of individuals who are aging into or out of the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal aid codes and require a redetermination. This includes individuals who are turning 19 and transitioning into the MAGI M1 aid code, individuals turning 65 who are aging out of the MAGI M1 aid code, and individuals who are now eligible for Medicare benefits and need to be evaluated for a non-MAGI Medi-Cal program. The report also identifies individuals currently in the L6 aid code who must transition to a non-MAGI aid code.

DHCS permanently integrated the M1/M2 reports into its oversight process to ensure that individuals who lose eligibility for this aid category are adjudicated into a different program or discontinued in a timely manner.

Processing the Lists

Counties should follow the redetermination process outlined in [ACWDL 22-33](#) when processing the records on the three Aid Code Clean-Up lists. Each record must be reviewed for potential Medi-Cal eligibility. For records that are active in MEDS but not in SAWS, the county must re-open the record in SAWS and complete the redetermination process as directed in [ACWDL 22-33](#).

DHCS will monitor counties progress in clearing these. Counties should fully process the records on the Pre-ACA report, eliminating the need for that report.

DHCS will compare the total number of records in the current bi-monthly report to those in the previous bi-monthly report, and work with counties to ensure that the records on the list are worked on in a timely manner. Counties are encouraged to reach out to DHCS if any assistance is needed or to create a Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) ticket for records that cannot be resolved at the county level.

If you have any questions or if we can provide further information, please email DHCS at COMSCountyPerformanceStandardsQuestions@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure (If applicable)