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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No: 17-21  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: Express Lane Enrollment for CalFresh Eligible Adults and Children  
Sunset Date  
(Reference All County Welfare Directors Letters Nos: 14-06, 14-06E,  
14-27; Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No: 16-20)

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the federal waiver which allowed DHCS to grant Medi-Cal eligibility through the Express Lane Enrollment (ELE) program will expire on June 30, 2017. The ELE program allows CalFresh recipients under the age of 65, who are not blind or disabled, and who do not have current eligibility in Medi-Cal or Medicare, to enroll into the Medi-Cal program without the need for an application or a determination for 12 months. Given the expiration of the ELE program waiver, counties shall not enroll new ELE individuals beginning July 1, 2017.

The sunset of the ELE program will not affect individuals currently in ELE who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2017. Current ELE beneficiaries shall receive 12 months of Medi-Cal eligibility (from the date they enrolled), unless a change in circumstance is reported for their CalFresh eligibility, as described in All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) 14-06. Counties are expected to transition current ELE beneficiaries to Medi-Cal by the twelfth month of ELE eligibility, as they have since the implementation of the ELE program, following the guidance provided in ACWDLs 14-06, 14-06E, and 14-27.

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