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MMCD All Plan Letter 11-008

TO: ALL MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE HEALTH PLANS

SUBJECT: AID CODE 4T: AID CODE TO IDENTIFY CHILDREN IN THE NEW FEDERAL KIN-GAP PROGRAM

This All Plan Letter (APL) serves to provide information to Medi-Cal managed care health plans (Plans) regarding a new derivative aid code, 4T derived from existing aid code 4F which is currently included in Medi-Cal managed care contracts. This new aid code became effective January 1, 2011, for the Medi-Cal managed care program. This letter is for informational purposes only regarding aid code and system changes; no action is required at this time by the Plans.

This new aid code is to identify Medi-Cal beneficiaries in California's new Federal Title IV-E Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (KinGAP). The current and new KinGAP transitions court-dependent children from foster care placements to more permanent placement options through the establishment of a relative guardianship. Aid code 4T is for the full scope of benefits with no share of cost. It will be mandatory in County Organized Health System counties and voluntary in Geographic Managed Care and Two-Plan counties.

The addition of this new aid code will have a neutral revenue effect on managed care health plans as the affected populations are currently served in the Medi-Cal managed care program under an existing aid code. The purpose for creating this new aid code is to give the State the ability to track beneficiaries whose eligibility is based on the new KinGAP.

DHCS will be providing Plans with contract amendments that include this aid code. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your Contract Manager.

Sincerely,

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