MMCD Policy Letter 98-04

TO: [X] Two-Plan Model Plans
[X] Geographic Managed Care Plans
[X] Prepaid Health Plans
[X] Primary Care Case Management Plans

SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT FORMS IN PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER OFFICES AND ENROLLMENT PACKET MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this policy letter is to clarify the Department of Health Services (DHS) policy regarding the availability of enrollment forms in primary care provider offices and enrollment packet material distribution by health plans. You were informed most recently in an August 1, 1997, letter about DHS' relevant policies which apply to all Medi-Cal managed care counties.

On October 30, 1996, DHS decided to allow health plan providers to have enrollment forms available in their offices to distribute to their patients. This decision was made to increase the availability of enrollment forms in the community to facilitate Medi-Cal beneficiary choice. This decision was also seen as an opportunity to lower the default rate in the Two-Plan Model counties, as well as offset enrollment operational problems DHS was experiencing with its former enrollment contractor. Enrollment forms were originally authorized in provider offices through December 31, 1996. Since that original termination date, DHS has extended the date three different times.

GOAL

To allow mandatory Medi-Cal beneficiaries in nonconverted counties to continue to benefit from the additional enrollment choice option available in provider offices and assist DHS in maintaining a low default rate.
POLICY

DHS authorizes the availability of enrollment forms in health plan provider offices in all Medi-Cal managed care counties where conversion has yet to occur. This will allow mandatory Medi-Cal beneficiaries in nonconverted counties to continue to benefit from the additional enrollment choice option available in provider offices and assist DHS in maintaining a low default rate. However, once conversion to the Two-Plan Model or Healthy San Diego programs occurs, health plans will be required to remove all enrollment materials from all health plan provider offices 90 days after 1) the date of conversion; or 2) all beneficiaries have been notified of their choice of plans; whichever is later. Should conversion occur in phases in a county, enrollment materials should be removed 90 days after the final phase-in date. This policy is applicable to all the health plans to whom this letter is addressed.

In Medi-Cal managed care counties where conversion has already occurred, health plans were required to remove all enrollment materials from health plan provider offices by the close of business on September 1, 1997. These health plans were required to submit to DHS a signed letter by September 15, 1997, certifying that all enrollment materials have been removed from the health plan provider offices. DHS will investigate all complaints filed after September 1, 1997, against plan providers and health plans regarding the continued use of enrollment forms in health plan provider offices. In counties where prohibitions exist, they remain in effect.

DHS would also like to clarify its policy regarding health plans and their ability to provide plan enrollment packet materials to Medi-Cal beneficiaries upon request. After careful consideration, DHS has decided to continue to allow health plans to provide enrollment packet material to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who contact the plan directly. However, health plans are prohibited from having enrollment forms available at health fairs and other community events.

DISCUSSION

To ensure that the integrity of the enrollment process was maintained, health plans were required to monitor Primary Care Physicians (PCP) who received enrollment forms. During the period that the enrollment forms have been available in provider offices, DHS has documented violations of its policy governing their use in provider offices. A proposed disposition of the availability of Medi-Cal managed care enrollment forms in health plan provider offices was developed and distributed for comment to various health plans, medical associations, and organizations on July 2, 1997.

After reviewing the comments and conducting a thorough analysis of the proposed disposition, DHS has decided to authorize the availability of enrollment forms indefinitely in
health plan provider offices in all Medi-Cal managed care counties where conversion has yet to occur as described above.

Each enrollment packet must contain each of the items listed below: A cover letter; “Important Phone Numbers”; enrollment instructions; a plan provider directory; plan marketing material; plan “Features Chart”; “Medi-Cal Choice Form”; return postage-paid envelope; and Medical Exemption Form.

Plans are to provide the following:

- Enrollment packet cover letter; may be reprinted on plan letterhead.
- Important Phone Numbers.
- Enrollment instructions.
- Plan provider directory; approved by contract manager.
- Plan marketing material; approved by contract manager.
- Plan “Features Chart”; approved by contract manager.
- Mailing envelope for enrollment packets.
- Medical Exemption Form.

The Health Care Options contractor, MAXIMUS, will provide the following to the health plans:

- MC 900, MC 901, and MC 912 Medi-Cal Choice Forms, English and Spanish.
- Return postage-paid envelopes for beneficiaries to submit enrollment forms.

To order and reorder the enrollment forms and postage-paid return envelopes, please contact Ms. Pat White at (916) 657-0679 or fax (916) 657-1199.

If not otherwise stated above, all requirements specified in DHS’ letters of April 23, 1997, and August 1, 1997, regarding plan and provider compliance will remain in effect. We will retract forms if plans do not abide by these rules or if we confirm that problems occur.

If you have any questions regarding marketing activity or materials, please contact your contract manager.

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Ann-Louise Kuhns, Chief
Medi-Cal Managed Care Division

Enclosures
TO: All Commercial Plans (CP), Local Initiative Plans (LI), and Plan Affiliates within Two-Plan Model Counties, Sacramento Geographic Managed Care (GMC) Plans, and Prepaid Health Plans (PHP), and Primary Care Case Management Plans (PCCM)

SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT FORMS IN PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER OFFICES AND ENROLLMENT PACKET MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

This letter is to inform you of the Department of Health Services (DHS) policy regarding the availability of enrollment forms in primary care provider offices and enrollment packet material distribution by health plans. These policies are effective as of the date of this letter and apply to all Medi-Cal Managed Care counties.

DHS would like to thank those of you who were able to provide us with comments in response to our July 2, 1997, letter on the proposed disposition for the availability of Medi-Cal Managed Care enrollment forms in health plan provider offices. DHS appreciates the input received from various health plans, medical associations, and organizations which assisted us in our review of the draft proposal.

After reviewing the comments and conducting a thorough analysis of the proposed disposition, DHS has decided to authorize the availability of enrollment forms indefinitely in health plan provider offices in all Medi-Cal Managed Care counties where conversion has yet to occur. This will allow mandatory Medi-Cal beneficiaries in non-converted counties to continue to benefit from the additional enrollment choice option available in provider offices and assist DHS in maintaining a low default rate. However, once conversion occurs, health plans will be required to remove all enrollment materials from all health plan provider offices ninety (90) days after 1) the date of conversion or 2) all beneficiaries have been notified of their choice of plans; whichever is later. Should conversion occur in phases in a county, enrollment materials should be removed ninety (90) days after the final phase-in date. This policy is applicable to all the health plans listed above.

In Medi-Cal Managed Care counties where conversion has already occurred (see enclosed list), health plans must remove all enrollment materials from health plan provider offices by the close of business on September 1, 1997. These health plans will submit to DHS a signed letter, by September 15, 1997, certifying that all enrollment materials have been removed from the health plan provider offices. DHS will investigate all complaints filed after September 1, 1997, against plan providers and health plans regarding the continued use of enrollment forms in health plan provider offices. In counties where prohibitions exist, they remain in effect, e.g., Kern county.

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Plans are to provide the following:

- Enrollment packet cover letter; may be reprinted on plan letterhead.
- Important Phone Numbers.
- Enrollment instructions.
- Plan provider directory; approved by Health Plan Manager.
- Plan marketing material, approved by Health Plan Manager.
- Plan Features Chart; approved by Health Plan Manager.
- Mailing envelope for enrollment packets.

The HCO contractor, MAXIMUS, will provide the following to the health plans:

- MC 900, MC 901, and MC 912 Medi-Cal Choice Forms, English and Spanish. Please review the enclosed list of counties indicating in which counties each form is used.
- Return postage-paid envelopes for beneficiaries to submit enrollment forms.

To order and reorder the enrollment forms and postage-paid return envelopes, please contact Ms. Pat White, at (916) 657-0679; fax (916) 657-1199.

If not otherwise stated above, all requirements specified in the April 23, 1997, letter regarding plan and provider compliance will remain in effect and we will pull forms if plans do not abide by these rules or if we confirm that problems occur.

If you have any questions regarding marketing activity or materials, please contact your plan’s Health Plan Manager.

Sincerely,

Ann-Louise Kuhns, Chief
Medi-Cal Managed Care Division

Enclosures
TO: All Commercial Plans (CP), Local Initiative Plans (LI), and Plan Affiliates within Two-Plan Model Counties, Sacramento Geographic Managed Care (GMC) Plans, and Prepaid Health Plans (PHP), and Primary Care Case Management Plans (PCCM)

SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT FORMS IN PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER OFFICES

INTRODUCTION

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Health Services (DHS) is extending the time period during which health plan network primary care providers (PCP) may distribute enrollment packet materials to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This approval, which was originally scheduled to terminate on March 31, 1997, will remain in effect through June 30, 1997. Any decision to continue the provider distribution of enrollment packet materials beyond the above specified dates will be subject to discussion in the context of broader issues including the Health Care Options Policy Workgroup recommendations, minimum and maximum enrollment levels, etc.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The Period: Until notified otherwise, all enrollment materials must be removed from PCP offices by the close of business on June 30, 1997.

Marketing Representatives: Effective immediately, PCPs may not have plan marketing representatives in their offices. Plans must ensure that marketing representatives are not in provider offices.

Monitoring Plan: To ensure the integrity of the enrollment process is maintained, health plans are required to develop and submit to DHS a written plan for monitoring PCPs who receive enrollment forms. This written plan must be received by the health plan’s Contract Manager by May 15, 1997, or approval for PCP distribution of enrollment forms will be withdrawn. At a minimum, health plans must track for each PCP who has enrollment forms in his/her office 1) member transfers to another PCP within the plan network, and 2) member disenrollment to other plan partners or other health plans.

Reporting Requirements: The information that will be monitored as listed above must be reported to the DHS Contract Manager retroactively for the months of May and June 1997.
The first report will be due June 30, 1997, and will cover May 1997. The second report will be due July 30, 1997, and will cover June 1997.

**Compliance:** DHS will investigate any complaints filed against PCPs and health plans. The violation of the following Enrollment Guidelines for PCPs by PCPs will result in the removal of enrollment forms from the PCP office. Any violations by the health plan, such as failure to monitor PCPs who receive enrollment forms or failure to submit reports as listed above, will result in the removal of enrollment forms from all plan provider offices.

**ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES FOR PCPS**

Health plans that provide for their network PCPs to distribute enrollment materials to Medi-Cal beneficiaries are required to inform network PCPs in writing they must adhere to the following guidelines when advising patients about selecting a Medi-Cal health plan:

**PCPs may:**

1. Send a postcard or letter to patients which tells them the name of the health plan or plans with which a specific physician is affiliating, encourages patients to select their current physician as their PCP, and gives patients the physician’s plan(s) provider number(s). A copy of a sample letter PCPs may send to patients is enclosed.

2. Encourage Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Medi-Cal patients to seek out and receive information and enrollment material which will help them to select a Medi-Cal health care plan for themselves and their family.

3. Provide patients with the toll-free number of the Member Services Department(s) of the plan(s) with which the PCP is affiliated.

4. Provide patients with the toll-free number of the Health Care Options (HCO) Customer Service Representatives, 1-800-430-4263, and inform them of locations and times when they may receive individual or group assistance from the HCO Enrollment Service Representatives about selecting a health plan or PCP. This toll-free number is specifically for, beneficiary questions. A copy of the HCO telephone number sheet translated into ten languages is enclosed.

**NOTE:** Medi-Cal beneficiaries may complete enrollment forms with other PCPs as well. The fact that they have completed an enrollment form in a PCP's office is no guarantee that the patients will be assigned to that PCP. DHS must accept the last choice received from a beneficiary.
PCPs may NOT:

1. Coerce, threaten or intimidate patients into making a particular selection.

2. Influence patients to change plan membership based upon financial gain to the PCP.

3. Tell patients that they could lose their Medi-Cal health benefits if they do not choose a particular health plan.

4. Make any reference to competing plans, e.g., comparing plans in a positive or negative manner for purposes of encouraging or influencing a patient to enroll or disenroll from a particular plan based on the PCP’s financial interest.

5. Mail completed enrollment forms to the HCO contractor on behalf of patients.

6. Photocopy sample enrollment forms with the plan name and PCP name filled in and distribute them to patients or fill in the plan and PCP name on the blank enrollment form for the patient.

7. Use photo-copied blank forms or plan-printed enrollment forms. Only the DHS-supplied form will be accepted.

8. Allow plan marketers in PCP offices.

9. Allow PCP staff to accept any remuneration for marketing or enrolling beneficiaries.

The violation of these rules by a PCP will be cause for removal of the enrollment forms from the PCP’s office. The health plan must ensure that the forms are removed from the PCP office immediately upon notice from the Department.

ENROLLMENT MATERIAL

PCPs who wish to provide enrollment forms to their patients must make a written request to the health plan for enrollment materials. Health plans must provide PCPs with the following material:

1. A sample letter that PCPs can use to send to their patients encouraging enrollment in a plan and selection of the PCP. A sample letter is enclosed. This cover letter may be printed on office letterhead, but the text may not be changed without DHS approval.
2. Enrollment instructions for the appropriate **Medi-Cal** Choice forms MC900, MC901, and MC912, and the appropriate Choice Form (copy enclosed).

3. Plan provider directory approved by the Contract Manager.

4. Plan marketing material approved by the Contract Manager.

5. Plan features chart approved by the Contract Manager.

6. The HCO telephone number sheet with the HCO phone number translated into ten languages.

7. Envelope for the patient to mail the enrollment packet to the HCO contractor.

Enclosed is a letter that plans may use to transmit the aforementioned maternal to **PCPs**.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED BY DHS**

DHS will continue to provide the following materials to plans for distribution to **PCPs**:

- **MC900 form and instructions.** This form allows choice of plan or fee-for-service Medi-Cal, and is to be used by plans in Two-Plan Model counties where mandatory enrollment is not in effect. As of the date of this letter, the MC900 will be used for the following counties: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Stanislaus. This form will also continue to be used for beneficiaries residing in the following zip codes in Kern: 93205, 93238, 93240, 93255, 93285, 93283, 93501, 93502, 93555, 93556, 93561, 93581, 93582.

- **MC901 form and instructions.** This form requires mandatory enrollment, and is to be used in Two-Plan Model counties where both plans are in operation and fee-for-service is not a choice. **As of the date of this letter,** the MC901 will be used for the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and in the zip codes not listed above for Kern.

- **MC912 form and instructions.** This form requires mandatory enrollment in Sacramento GMC plans.
* Return postage paid envelopes for patients to return their enrollment form to the HCO contractor.

ORDERING THE MATERIALS

To order and reorder the enrollment forms and postage paid-return envelopes, please contact Ms. Pat White, Health Care Options Unit, at (916) 657-0679, or fax your order to (916) 657-l 199. Please do not contact the HCO enrollment contractor for forms. Plans are responsible for distributing the enrollment forms and return envelopes to their PCPs and reordering as needed. DHS will not accept order requests submitted by plans’ PCPs. Plans must send the enclosed letter and guidelines to PCPs together with the enrollment forms and return envelopes.

Plans are advised that HCO maintains a limited number of enrollment forms at all times. DHS will evaluate each plan’s request for enrollment forms to determine the quantity of enrollment forms that DHS will send to each plan. The number of enrollment forms sent to a plan will be dependent on several factors, including the plan’s capacity and status of the county in the Two-Plan Model implementation process.

HCO ENROLLMENT CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

DHS’s HCO contractor will maintain responsibility for processing enrollments and disenrollments of Medi-Cal Managed Care plan members and eligible beneficiaries. The HCO contractor will continue to provide objective and uniform materials, information, and assistance to beneficiaries on the availability of managed care plans through HCO presentations, mailings, and call center services. Plans will continue to receive diskettes of enrollment and disenrollment activity from the HCO contractor on a weekly basis.

If you have any questions regarding marketing activity or materials, please contact your plan’s Contract Manager.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ann-Louise Kuhns, Chief
Medi-Cal Managed Care Division

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Please see reverse for Medi-Cal Hotlines and Change of Address Form.
Specialty Mental Health Services

Consolidation Program Implementation

The State Department of Mental Health (DMH) has implemented the Specialty Mental Health Services Consolidation Program for Medi-Cal recipients currently receiving or in need of outpatient or medical professional mental health services. This program expands the Psychiatric inpatient Hospital Services Consolidation Program that has been in existence since January 1995.

Under the consolidation program, coverage for specialty mental health services will be provided through Mental Health Plans (MHPs) in California’s 58 counties. In most cases, the MHP will be the county mental health department. MHPs render, or authorize and pay for specialty mental health services.

Recipient Enrollment and Eligibility

Medi-Cal recipients are enrolled automatically in the MHP serving their county. The MHP in the recipients assigned county is responsible for providing MHP-covered services for eligible recipients in that county. Providers must use the Point of Service (POS) network to obtain the recipient's assigned county and to verify Medi-Cal eligibility for each month of service. This network is accessed through the POS device, Claims and Eligibility Real Time System (CERTS) software, Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS) and vendor-supplied software. (Refer to Section 100-24, Recipient Identification, for additional information.)

Note: For MHP county contact information, see “Authorization and Contact Information” on a following page.

Specialty Mental Health Services

When a service meets the following criteria for procedures, diagnoses and providers, it is an MHP-covered service and the provider should contact the appropriate MHP for billing information. Claims for these services that are billed to Medi-Cal will be denied. Specialty mental health services billed with the codes listed on Table 1 (Specialty Mental Health Services – HCPCS Codes) are covered by MHPs when they are delivered by an appropriately licensed specialty mental health provider to a recipient with a diagnosis listed in Table 2 (Specialty Mental Health Diagnoses – All Places of Services Except Hospital Inpatient) or Table 3 (Specialty Mental Health Diagnoses – Hospital Inpatient Place of Service).

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<td>Prior review of services is required under some circumstances. Call the toll-free number for information. For information about provider contracts, contact the Senior Program Specialist at the local number.</td>
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<td>Amador County Mental Health Plan 20 N. Hwy. 49 188 Jackson, CA 95642 Local Number: (209) 223-6412 Toll-free Number: 1-888-310-6555</td>
<td>Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about provider contracts, contact the Director at the toll-free number.</td>
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<td>Butte County Department of Behavioral Health 107 Farmac Road; Suite 4 Chico, CA 95926 Local Number: (530) 891-2810 Toll-free Number: 1-800-334-6622</td>
<td>Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about provider contracts, contact the Senior Staff Services System Specialist at (530) 891-2980.</td>
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<td>Calaveras County Mental Health Department 891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA 95249 Local Number: (209) 756-6525 Toll-free Number: 1-800-449-3030</td>
<td>Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about provider contracts, contact the Program Chief at the local number.</td>
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<td>Colusa County Department of Behavioral Health Services 85 E. Webster Street Colusa, CA 95932 Local Number: (530) 458-0520 Toll-free Numbers: 1-888-793-6580 (Business hours) 1-800-700-3577 (After hours)</td>
<td>Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about provider contracts, contact the Deputy Director of Administrative Services at the local number.</td>
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<td>Contra Costa County Mental Health Plan 595 Center Avenue, Suite 200 Martinez, CA 94553 Local Number: (510) 313-6410 Toll-free Number: 1-888-678-7277</td>
<td>Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about becoming a contract provider or authorizing service for existing clients during the transition phase, contact the Mental Health Administrator at (510) 313-6426.</td>
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| Inyo County Mental Health Plan  
162 J Grove Street  
Bishop, CA 93544  
Local Number: (760) 8736533  
Toll-free Number: 1-800-841-5011 | Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about provider contracts, contact the Director at the local number. | April 1, 1998 |
| Kern County Mental Health Department  
P. 0. Box 1000  
Bakersfield, CA 93302  
Local Number: (805) 868-6600  
Toll-free Number: 1-800-991-5272 | Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about becoming a member of a provider panel, contact the Managed Care Administrator at (805) 8686705. | November 1, 1997 |
| Kings View Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for Kings County  
4393 Bailey Drive  
Hanford, CA 93230  
Local Numbers:  
(209) 582-4481 (Hanford)  
(209) 992-2111 (Corcoran)  
(209) 386-5222 (Avenal)  
Toll-free Number: 1-800-655-2553 | Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about provider contracts, contact the Quality improvement Coordinator (QIC) at (209) 582-4481. | April 1, 20998 |
| Lake County Mental Health Plan  
922 Bevins Court  
Lakeport, CA 95453  
Local Number: (707) 263-2258  
Toll-free Number: 1-800-900-2075 | Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about provider contracts, contact the Managed Care Coordinator at the local number. | April 1, 1998 |
| Lassen County Mental Health Plan  
555 Hospital Lane  
Susanville, CA 96130  
Local Number: (530) 251-8108  
Toll-free Number: 1-888-289-5004 | Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information on provider contracts, contact the Director at the local number. | January 1, 1998 |
| Madera County Mental Health Department  
14215-A Road 28  
Madera, CA 93638  
Local Number: (209) 675-7850  
Toll-free Number: 1-888-275-9779 | Non-emergency services require prior authorization. For information about becoming a contract provider or authorizing service for existing clients, contact the Managed Care Specialist at the local number. | April 1, 1998 |
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<td>Monterey County Behavioral Health 1270 Natividad Road Salinas, CA 93906-3198</td>
<td>Non-emergency services require prior authorization by the MHP access team. For information about becoming part of Monterey County’s provider network, contact the Senior Secretary at the local number.</td>
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<td>Placer County Mental Health Services 11533 C Avenue Auburn, CA 95603 Local Number: (530) 889-6791 Toll-free Number: 1-800-895-7479</td>
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<td>Plumas County Mental Health Plan 270 County Hospital Road, Suite 229 Quincy, CA 95971</td>
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