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To: ALL SUPERINTENDENTS OF COUNTY SCHOOLS, ELEMENTARY, UNIFIED, HIGH SCHOOLS, PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSES, AND HEALTH EDUCATORS

Subject: HEARING AID COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM (HACCP)

In July 2021, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) launched the Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Program (HACCP) to provide hearing aid coverage for California children and youth under age 21 who have been prescribed hearing aids or referred for a hearing aid evaluation (such as referral from a school-based hearing screening).

Who is Eligible?

- Not eligible for Medi-Cal
- Does not have California Children's Services (CCS) coverage for hearing aids
- Provider referral/hearing aid prescription
- Household income under 600% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Does not have other health coverage for hearing aids or has health insurance that only covers up to \$1,500 for hearing aids

How to Apply

Families can apply online at haccp.dhcs.ca.gov (available in multiple languages) or can send in their application by mail or fax. The application must include documentation of a provider referral for hearing aids or hearing aid evaluation or hearing aid prescription, household income, and existing health coverage (if any). HACCP determines eligibility within 10 days from receipt of completed application and confirms enrollment status by mail. Once enrolled, eligibility is verified every 12 months to remain enrolled.

New Resource for Hearing Screenings

We invite you to make copies of the enclosed HACCP flyer to share with students whose screening results indicate they may benefit from hearing aids or further evaluation. This resource provides information for the student and their family/caregiver about HACCP coverage for those services and includes a convenient referral form for the audiometrist or other medical/hearing professional to complete at the time of the hearing screening so the student can use it to apply for HACCP enrollment. With your help, these referrals will support faster enrollment in hearing aid coverage to help students learn and thrive!

We deeply appreciate your commitment to supporting students. If you have questions about HACCP or how you can work with us to help children access hearing aids, please call us toll-free at 1 (833) 956-2878 (multilingual, TTY/TTD, and video relay service), chat with us online at www.dhcs.ca.gov/haccp, or email us at haccp@maximus.com.

