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TO: All County California Children's Services Program Administrators

SUBJECT: California Children's Services Members with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status – Revised

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Numbered Letter (NL) is to provide guidance to County California Children's Services (CCS) Programs on the upcoming changes with Medi-Cal enrollment as it pertains to Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) for Medi-Cal members, including those enrolled in the CCS Program.

II. BACKGROUND

Beginning January 1, 2026, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will freeze new Medi-Cal enrollments for individual adults ages 19 and older who qualified for full scope Medi-Cal because of the state-funded Adult Expansion initiative. Adult members who fall under the enrollment freeze are those who have no immigration status, an unverified immigration status, or are certain non-immigrant visa holders who are active on full-scope Medi-Cal.¹ Starting January 1, 2026, these individuals who newly apply for Medi-Cal will only be eligible for emergency or pregnancy-related services.

III. POLICY

CCS Program members ages 19 and 20 who are currently enrolled in Medi-Cal prior to January 1, 2026, will continue to stay covered under Medi-Cal regardless of immigration status as long as the member completes and meets Medi-Cal eligibility, i.e., renewals, income, and residency requirements. If a CCS Program member loses Medi-Cal coverage, they will not be eligible to re-enroll into Medi-Cal, except for emergency or pregnancy care. If coverage stops because of a late renewal or missing paperwork, members will have 90 days from the date of disenrollment to correct the issue to stay enrolled in Medi-Cal.²

¹ [Unsatisfactory/Satisfactory Immigration Status](#)

² [Welfare and Institution Code 14007.8\(b\)\(2\)](#)

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CCS Program applicants and members eligible for Medi-Cal, ages 0-18, may continue to enroll in full scope Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status.

IV. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

When a County CCS Program becomes aware that a member lost their Medi-Cal eligibility:

- The County CCS Program must refer the member/family to their local Medi-Cal Eligibility Office, within 90 days of Medi-Cal termination.
- If the member is unable to reinstate into Medi-Cal, the County CCS Program must work with the member/family to begin the process for enrollment into CCS state-only.

If you have any questions regarding this NL, please contact DHCS at CCSProgram@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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