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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)
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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL MEDI-CAL APPROVED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR
COCHLEAR IMPLANTS PROVIDING SERVICES FOR CCS
ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

BACKGROUND

Cochlear implantation has been an approved method of treating profound, bilateral sensorineural hearing loss since the mid-1980's. Cochlear implants have been a benefit of the Medi-Cal Program for adults since 1996 and a benefit of the CCS Program since September 2000. Numbered Letter N.L.: 09-0900, identifies the Medi-Cal "Centers of Excellence" approved to perform cochlear implants on CCS beneficiaries under 21 years of age. The purpose of this supplement is to add an additional Medi-Cal approved Cochlear Implant Center authorized to provide services to CCS beneficiaries. The previously approved centers are:

- Children's Hospital, San Diego
- Children's Hospital, Oakland
- House Ear Institute, Los Angeles
- University of California, Davis Medical Center (UCDMC), Sacramento



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POLICY GUIDELINES

A CCS authorization for Cochlear Implant evaluation, surgery and post implant services may be issued, in accordance with N.L.: 09-0900 to the following additional Medi-Cal approved "Center of Excellence" for Cochlear Implants.

- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Medical Center

If you have questions regarding these policy changes, please contact a CMS Sacramento Regional Office Hearing Conservation Specialist.

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