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**TO:** All County California Children’s Services Program Staff, County Medical Consultants and Staff, Genetically Handicapped Persons Program Providers and Staff, and Integrated Systems of Care Division Staff

**SUBJECT:** Product Specific Service Authorization Requests for TAR2 or Zero-Priced National Drug Code Products. Discontinue use of the code Z5999 California Children’s Services Work-Around Process

The purpose of this California Children’s Services (CCS) Information Notice (I.N.) is to provide updated guidance regarding the authorization of select Medi-Cal non-benefit drugs and supplements, formerly billable by the code Z5999.

Beginning January 01, 2020 dietary supplements, vitamins, minerals, amino acid powders, or Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) products previously authorized by procedure code Z5999 under category “Non-Benefit Dietary Supplements, Vitamins, Minerals, Amino Acids, APIs, Thickeners-Requires Co Approval” will be authorized by a National Drug Code (NDC) instead of by Z5999, in the Children’s Medical Services Network System (CMS Net). Multiple TAR2 or zero-priced NDCs may be authorized on the same Service Authorization Request (SAR).

Authorization of these TAR2 or zero-priced NDCs by SAR must be separate from authorization of NDCs for CCS and Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP) restricted drugs/products and all other needed services.<sup>1,2</sup>

Some non-benefit dietary supplements, vitamins, minerals, amino acid powders, and APIs do not have a NDC listed in CMS Net. Requests for these items should be forwarded to the Integrated Systems of Care Division (ISCD) Pharmacy Consultant or designee along with medical justification for review. ISCD will evaluate the request for medical necessity, ensure there are no available comparable products, and may request that the NDC be added to CMS Net.

For CCS clients with full scope Medi-Cal with no share of cost, these TAR2, or zero-priced NDCs must be authorized with an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and

Treatment (EPSDT) SAR (prefix 91). If the client has full-scope Medi-Cal with no share of cost, and a prefix 97 SAR is issued, the claim will be denied payment.

For CCS-only clients, a non-EPSDT "97" SAR must be issued.

If you have any questions regarding this I.N., please contact the ISCD Medical Director or designee, via email at [ISCD-MedicalPolicy@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:ISCD-MedicalPolicy@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> CCS list of Restricted Drugs and Enteral Nutrition Products  
[http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/calchidsar\\_m00i00o03o04o07o09o11a02a04a05a06a07a08p00v00.doc](http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/calchidsar_m00i00o03o04o07o09o11a02a04a05a06a07a08p00v00.doc)

<sup>2</sup> GHPP list of Restricted Drugs and Enteral Nutrition Products  
[http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/genetic\\_m00i00o03o04o07o09o11a02a04a05a06a07a08p00v00.doc](http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/genetic_m00i00o03o04o07o09o11a02a04a05a06a07a08p00v00.doc)