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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, SUPERVISING
THERAPISTS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS)
BRANCH STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR COMPLETION OF "THE MEDICAL
EVALUATION OF THE CHILD WITH CEREBRAL PALSY"

The California Department of Health Services, Children's Medical Services (CMS) Branch is offering two hours of Continuing Medical Education Units (CMEs) for physicians, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for nurses, and Professional Development Units (PDUs) for occupational therapists and physical therapists who view and successfully complete a post test of the videotape, "The Medical Evaluation of the Child with Cerebral Palsy" by James Boyd, M.D. The purpose of the video is to provide a convenient method for professionals to gain skills in the medical examination of children with Cerebral Palsy and thereby improve the quality of services to the children in the CCS Medical Therapy Program.

Each local CCS Program was provided a videotape, an announcement of the presentation and the post test at the Regional Medical Therapy Conference training sessions conducted in six locations in January 2002. The local CCS Programs are encouraged to copy and distribute the videotape with the post test to Medical Therapy Conference physicians, Medical Therapy Unit occupational and physical therapists, and nurses in the CCS Program. In addition, it is recommended that the county CCS Program make the video with the CME credits available to specialty consultants and other local medical providers who may refer children to the CCS Program for services. There is no cost to any participants for these continuing education credits. The Continuing education credits will be available through December 31, 2004.



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Children's Medical Services Branch
714/744 P Street, P.O. Box 942732, Sacramento, CA 94234-7320
(916) 327-1400

Internet Address: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms>

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The post test is in an “open book” format that allows the health care professional to view the videotape at their convenience and as many times as needed in order to answer the post test questions correctly. To receive continuing education credits, the health care professional, must submit the completed and signed post test to:

Pat Sardo, R.N.
Administrative Consultant
Children’s Medical Services Branch
1515 K Street, Room 400
P.O. Box 942732
Sacramento, CA 94234-7320

When the post test is received, a certificate will be mailed to the health care professional. If the post test is not completed correctly, the health care professional will be notified of the opportunity to review the videotape again and retake the post-test.

Please direct any questions regarding the video or continuing education credits to Ms. Sardo, at (916) 323-8010 or e-mail, at Psardo@DHS.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Maridee Gregory, M.D.

Maridee A. Gregory, M.D., Chief
Children’s Medical Services Branch