February 6, 2004

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

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE CALLS REGARDING NEW PROCESS FOR AUTHORIZATION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The purpose of these conference calls are to provide counties an opportunity to ask questions that have arisen in the course of their implementation of the changes regarding the selection and authorization procedures for durable medical equipment (DME). Additional information will be provided on identified problem areas, such as oxygen delivery systems.

The information for the conference calls is as follows:

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2004
Time: 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Telephone Number: 1-866-836-0679
Passcode: 784238
Leader: Arlene Warren

Date: Monday, February 23, 2004
Time: 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Telephone Number: 1-866-836-0679
Passcode: 784238
Leader: Arlene Warren

Questions may be forwarded in advance to Dr. Judy Cook at jcook1@dhs.ca.gov.
Since available telephone lines are limited, county CCS programs are asked to please use only one line per county. If too many individuals dial into the call, access may be denied to some local program staff. During the call, please remember to place your phone on mute to avoid background noise unless you are speaking.

Please contact Ken Leach, at (916) 323-8011, or kleach@dhs.ca.gov, to identify which conference call you will be participating in or if you have questions about the logistics of the call.

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