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TO: ALL LOCAL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS) PROGRAMS AND GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM (GHPP) STAFF, CCS PROGRAM MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, COUNTY MEDICAL STAFF, AND SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION (SCD) STAFF

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF ORKAMBI USING MISCELLANEOUS CODE Z5999

The purpose of this Information Notice is to communicate that the use of the miscellaneous code, Z5999, to authorize the new CF drug, Orkambi, is not an appropriate use of the Z5999 process. The use of Z5999 as the CCS workaround is reserved for instances when medically necessary drugs are flagged as not-payable (non-benefit: TAR2 or end-dated with zero pricing) in the Medi-Cal claims system.

Orkambi will NOT be authorized at this time and cannot be authorized until the drug is made payable, when the NDC for Orkambi appears in the Medi-Cal drug database. Orkambi will be a CCS/GHPP restricted drug when the NDC is in the Medi-Cal drug database. Any requests for Orkambi should be referred to the County CCS Medical Consultant, who shall seek consultation with a State CCS Medical Consultant.

If you have any questions, please contact Edan Lum, Pharm D., Pharmaceutical Consultant, at (916) 322-1543 or (510) 286-0708, or via e-mail at [edan.lum@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:edan.lum@dhcs.ca.gov).

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