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To: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)  
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, AND STATE  
CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF

Subject: Hurricane Katrina

As you are all aware, individuals from the hurricane-impacted areas have relocated to California. At this time, many of them have relocated through 'unofficial' arrangements made through private organizations and individuals.

The Department of Health Services is taking steps to ensure that individuals who have been displaced by the hurricane and are in California permanently or for an indefinite period of time, including in circumstances where they are unsure of if or when they will be able to leave California are able to access medical services by using a streamlined process for applying for Medi-Cal. Evacuees who arrive in California having little or no documentation of income or assets will be able to self-certify this information with a signed affidavit and have their eligibility readily assessed. A unique Medi-Cal aid code will be assigned to these individuals when they are enrolled in Medi-Cal.

However, it is quite possible that you will receive referrals from health care providers for individuals who have not yet had contact with a representative from the local Social Services Agency. As with any request for authorization for CCS services, these requests must be reviewed for medical eligibility and determination of medical necessity.

- If the individual is determined to be medically eligible and the provider meets all CCS program requirements, follow all the CCS program policies and procedures regarding the application process.

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- Do not automatically deny CCS program eligibility because the parent/legal guardian cannot provide documentation of residency in the county (as per Chapter 6, CCS Manual of Procedure, Section I... or if the address given is a homeless shelter or a temporary residence.
- Refer the parent/legal guardian to the Social Services Agency for determination of Medi-Cal eligibility.
- Remind the family to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at 1-800-621-3362 if they haven't already done so.

The CCS program needs to be able to track the services authorized for these individuals. The costs associated with the services provided to individuals eligible for Medi-Cal will be tracked by their unique aid code (65). However for services provided for individuals who are found to be eligible for CCS-only benefits, the authorizations for services must include the statement:

“Claims for these services should be forwarded directly to

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1515 K, Room 400  
MS 8101  
Sacramento, CA 95814”

Thank you for your cooperation in assisting these families in accessing needed services.

**Original Signed by Marian Dalsey, M.D., M.P.H.**

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