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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 14-09

TO: 
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT: Medi-Cal for Families Annual Eligibility Review (AER) Packet Mailing Discontinuance

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties of changes being made to the Medi-Cal for Families AER mailing process.

During the transition of children from the Healthy Families Program (HFP) to the Medi-Cal for Families program beginning January 2013, the Single Point of Entry (SPE) was responsible for sending AERs to families where the children were eligible for Medi-Cal under transitional aid codes 5C or 5D. Beginning in April 2013, AERs that were completed and returned to the SPE were forwarded to the appropriate county for completion of the annual eligibility redetermination as part of the transition to Medi-Cal.

For annual redeterminations due in January 2014 or future months, the SPE will not send AER packets to the Medi-Cal for Families population covered under aid codes 5C and 5D. However, families who received the Medi-Cal for Families AER packets from the SPE during 2013 may still request a duplicate AER packet from the SPE through February 2014. Counties will be responsible for sending and processing the annual redeterminations for the HFP transitioned children in aid codes 5C or 5D with a January 2014 or later AER/annual redetermination date in accordance with future guidance issued by the Department of Health Care Services. Additionally, there is a required January 2014 through March 2014 moratorium on Medi-Cal annual redeterminations for those individuals whose eligibility is determined by the new modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodology, including for children in aid codes 5C or 5D. The January annual redeterminations will be processed in April 2014, the February annual redeterminations will be processed in May 2014 and the March annual redeterminations will be processed in June 2014.
If you have any questions or if we can provide further information, please contact Alison Brown at (916) 319-9565 or by email at alison.brown@dhcs.ca.gov.

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