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

SUBJECT: Policy Guidance Regarding Medi-Cal Applications Received from
Participants or Residents of CCTRP/EACP, FOTEP, and MCRP
Facilities

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) policy regarding the county processing of Medi-Cal applications received from State prison inmates who are participating or residing in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) Custody to Community Transitional Reentry Program (CCTRP)/Enhanced Alternative Custody Program (EACP), Female Offender Treatment and Employment Program (FOTEP), or Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP) facilities.

Background:

Medicaid regulation Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 435.1010 defines an inmate of a public institution as "a person living in a public institution" and defines a public institution as "an institution that is the responsibility of a governmental unit or over which a governmental unit exercises administrative control."

With the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 720, (Skinner, Chapter 646, Statutes of 2013), Medi-Cal suspension rules require the suspension of Medi-Cal benefits for any individual regardless of age who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary at the time of incarceration. Prior to AB 720, Medi-Cal suspensions were limited to individuals under 21 years of age. Suspension is limited to one year, or the period of incarceration whichever is shorter, provided the inmate is otherwise Medi-Cal eligible. (Refer to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14011.10)

On October 11, 2016, CDCR amended the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 15, Crime Prevention and Corrections, Division 3 – Adult Institutions, Programs and Parole, which authorized CDCR to develop the Alternative Custody Program and EACP.

CCTRP/EACP, FOTEP and MCRP Facilities:

DHCS considers CCTRP/EACP, FOTEP, and MCRP facilities to be state public institutions and as such, the individuals participating or residing at these facilities are considered incarcerated inmates. The following is a list of CCTRP/EACP, FOTEP, and MCRP facilities that DHCS considers state public institutions or state correctional facilities.

CCTRP Locations:

- Casa Aurora, C/O Mental Health Services, Inc., Kern County, 1932 Jessie Street, Bakersfield, CA. 93305
- WestCare, San Diego County, 3050 Armstrong Street, San Diego, CA 92111
- L.A. CADA, LA County, 11121 Bloomfield Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
- WestCare, San Joaquin County, 1609 N. Wilson Way, Stockton, CA 95205
- WestCare, Sacramento County, 3555 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95821 (Scheduled to open on November 1, 2017)

MCRP Locations:

- Tri-County Treatment, Butte County, 2740 Oro Dam Blvd., Oroville, CA 95966
- Geo Reentry, Inc., San Francisco County, 139 6th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103
- Turning Point of Central California, Inc., Kern County, 1100 Union Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93307
- Health Right 360, Inc., LA County, 307 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057
- Amity Foundation, LA County, 3745 Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007
- Correctional Alternatives, San Diego County, 2727 Boston Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113

FOTEP Locations:

- Center Point, Sacramento County, 11228 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA 95628
- Health Right 360, San Francisco County, 1563 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

- Community Social Model Associates, Merced County, 508 Mendocino Court, Atwater, CA 95301
- Inland Valley Recovery Services, San Bernardino County, 1260 E. Arrow Hwy. Upland, CA 91786
- Health Right 360, Los Angeles County, 12423 Dahlia Avenue, El Monte, CA 91732

Processing Medi-Cal Applications Received from CCTRP/EACP, FOTEP, and MCRP Facilities:

Counties shall follow the steps below to evaluate Medi-Cal applications submitted by the participants/residents of the aforementioned facilities, or the participant's/resident's authorized representative(s):

- County Welfare Departments (CWDs) shall accept and process Medi-Cal applications based upon information presented in the application and consistent with current Medi-Cal requirements and guidelines.
- If the applicant's address listed on the application matches the address of one of the facilities listed above, the CWD shall process the application and determine eligibility for full or restricted scope Medi-Cal coverage consistent with current Medi-Cal requirements and guidelines.
 - As with any applicant who does not list an address on the application and declares he/she is homeless, the county shall follow its current homeless policy and process the application accordingly.
- If the applicant, residing in any of these facilities, is determined eligible for Medi-Cal, the CWD shall enroll the individual in the appropriate Medi-Cal aid code and then suspend the benefits per Welfare & Institutions Code section 14011.10. Counties shall refer to the existing Medi-Cal suspension process outlined in ACWDL 14-26.
- If the applicant is determined eligible for Medi-Cal, the CWD will send the applicant a timely Notice of Action (NOA), granting Medi-Cal eligibility and suspending the benefits, to the address provided on the application or by the applicant/authorized representative. (Refer to ACWDL 14-26)

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- If the applicant, residing in any of these facilities, is determined ineligible for Medi-Cal, the CWD shall deny the Medi-Cal application and send a timely denial NOA to the applicant at the address provided on the application or by the applicant/authorized representative. (Refer to ACWDL 14-26)

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Angelo Vitale at (916) 327-6705 or via email at MCIEP@dhcs.ca.gov.

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