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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 22-21

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIASONS

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO AID CODE 76 FOR POSTPARTUM CARE EXTENSION
IMPLEMENTATION (Reference: Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information
Letter No 21-13 and 21-13E)

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of changes to Aid Code 76 (formerly 60-Day Post-Partum). In compliance with the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act, State Plan Amendment 22-0030 and 22-0031, and the guidance in the above referenced Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letters (MEDIL), the postpartum period for pregnancy was extended from 60 days to 365 days effective April 1, 2022. The postpartum extension applies to aid code 76 which was modified to implement the following guidance from the above referenced MEDILs.

If an individual is not in a MAGI pregnancy aid code, does not have coverage in a full-scope aid code, is losing their coverage in a full-scope aid code, or in an aid code that does not provide the full breadth of medically necessary services, the individual should be transitioned to aid code 76 or have aid code 76 run concurrently with other aid codes as a means to protect the pregnancy and postpartum eligibility.

To meet the new guidelines for eligibility, the following changes were made to aid code 76:

- Aid code 76 no longer has a 60-day limit and in accordance with guidance now allows for coverage during the full pregnancy and 365 days of postpartum coverage.
- Aid code 76 has been retitled from 60 – Day Postpartum to 365 - Day Postpartum.
- The Expected Delivery Date (EDD) is used to determine the last day of the month in which the 365th day falls.
- Retroactive eligibility is now allowed.
- Aid code 76 no longer requires closed period eligibility. Counties should be adding eligibility using a continuing eligibility period Eligibility Status Action Code (ESAC).

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- ARPA Postpartum Care Extension (PCE) alerts are generated to remind counties when the postpartum period is ending. Alert details can be found in the Change Cycle Letter scheduled to be published by the end of April 2022.
- Eligibility response messaging for aid code 76 has been updated to include eligibility during the 365-day postpartum period.

If you have any questions regarding aid code 76 functionality, please contact Linda Page at aidcodes@dhcs.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding aid code 76 policy, or questions related to MEDILs I 21-13 and I 21-13E, please email Pregnancy@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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