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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch Information Letter No: I-97-15

TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

**LIST OF HIGH COST MEDICAL CONDITIONS FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE  
PREMIUM PAYMENT PROGRAM**

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 96-58, 95-82, 95-72, and 95-71, Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual Section 15A(6)

**Purpose**

The purpose of this letter is to distribute to county eligibility staff a list of high-cost medical conditions. Whenever county staff determine that a Medi-Cal recipient has one of these high-cost conditions and is, or could be, covered by a private or group health insurance policy, the recipient must be referred to the Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program.

**HIPP**

HIPP is a program within Medi-Cal that allows the Department of Health Services to pay health insurance premiums for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have access to cost-effective private health coverage. In this way, the cost of service is redirected to the insurance carrier.

If you have any questions regarding the list of high-cost conditions or the HIPP Program, please contact the Premium Payment Unit at 1-800-952-5294.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

**MEDI-CAL**

**HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT (HIPP) PROGRAM**

**IF...**

any of your clients have one of these **MEDICAL CONDITIONS**, or any other medical condition that requires frequent or costly treatment;

**AND...**

the client has, or is eligible to apply for **HEALTH INSURANCE**

**PLEASE...**

**Annotate the top of a completed DHS6155 (Health Insurance Questionnaire) with the letters HIPP**

**And if you have questions...**

**CALL THE PREMIUM PAYMENT UNIT AT  
1-800-952-5294**

**List of High Cost Medical Conditions:**

<b>AIDS</b>	<b>Hypoglycemia</b>
<b>Anorexia Nervosa</b>	<b>Kaposi's Sarcoma</b>
<b>Aplastic Anemia</b>	<b>Kidney Disorders</b>
<b>AIDS Related Complex (ARC)</b>	<b>Leukemia</b>
<b>Arteriosclerosis</b>	<b>Lymphomas</b>
<b>Asthma</b>	<b>Lupus</b>
<b>Brain Tumors</b>	<b>Malignant Renal Disease</b>
<b>Bulimia</b>	<b>Multiple Sclerosis</b>
<b>Burkitt's Tumor</b>	<b>Organ Transplant (any site)</b>
<b>Cancer (any site)</b>	<b>Osteoporosis</b>
<b>Chronic Gastric Ulcer</b>	<b>Paralysis</b>
<b>Cirrhosis of Liver</b>	<b>Parkinson's Disease</b>
<b>Cystic Fibrosis</b>	<b>Poliomyelitis</b>
<b>Diabetes</b>	<b>Pregnancy</b>
<b>Down's Syndrome</b>	<b>Profound Retardation</b>
<b>Ebstein's Anomaly</b>	<b>Pulmonary Tuberculosis</b>
<b>Emphysema</b>	<b>Quadriplegia</b>
<b>Epilepsy</b>	<b>Reticulosarcoma</b>
<b>Heart Disease</b>	<b>Retinal Disorders</b>
<b>Hemiplegia</b>	<b>Scoliosis</b>
<b>HIV Infection</b>	<b>Sickle-Cell Anemia</b>
<b>HIV related Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia (PCP)</b>	<b>Spina Bifida</b>
<b>Hodgkin's Disease</b>	