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

SUBJECT: THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT AUTOMATED
BIRTH RECORD MATCH

The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009, Section 211, requires the Healthy Family Program (HFP) to comply with the Medicaid citizenship documentation requirements under the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005. Effective January 1, 2010, the HFP must comply with DRA requirements when processing applications and conducting eligibility determinations.

This Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter is to inform counties that the HFP will be implementing the automated birth record match through Vital Statistics for children who are eligible to HFP and report that they were born in California, which is similar to the birth record match process that the County Welfare Directors (CWD's) are currently doing today. The HFP will send the new HF19 transaction to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) to request a birth record match. The HF19 is similar to the CWD's AP19 transaction. If the birth record match is successful, "BM" will be posted in MEDS on the Other Client Eligibility Information Screen.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Lu Sanchez at (916) 552-9474.

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