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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 18-10

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Additional Guidance on Medi-Cal Applications Received From Participants

or Residents of CCTRP/EACP, FOTEP, and MCRP Facilities

(Reference: Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter I 17-23; All

County Welfare Directors Letter 14-26)

The purpose of this letter is to provide additional guidance to the counties regarding the processing of Medi-Cal applications received from individuals 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

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. The suspension is limited to one year, or the period of incarceration, whichever is shorter, provided the inmate is otherwise Medi-Cal eligible.

Further Guidance for Processing Medi-Cal Applications Received from Residents of these Facilities

As CDCR continues to expand these programs and new facilities are developed, the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) are advised to verify the institutional status, in addition to the address of the applicant, when evaluating all Medi-Cal applications received from applicants who may participate or reside in CDCR's CCTRP/EACP, FOTEP, or MCRP and associated facilities.

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If the applicant's address listed on the application matches the address of one of the facilities listed in MEDIL 17-23, or the address is known to be associated with CDCR's CCTRP/EACP, FOTEP, or MCRP programs, the CWD shall verify the institutional status of the applicant and follow current Medi-Cal eligibility policies and guidelines accordingly.

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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