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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION PROGRAM DEEMED  
INFANT AID CODES UPDATES IN MEDS

This purpose of this letter is to provide counties with guidance on changes in data elements and alerts for the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) Deemed Infant aid codes 8U and 8V on the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS).

## BACKGROUND

Infants born to a mother eligible for and receiving Medi-Cal on the date of the infant's birth are automatically deemed eligible for Medi-Cal on the date of birth and remain eligible for a period of up to one year. Deemed infants identified through the CHDP Gateway are assigned aid code 8U or 8V. When the infant turns one year old, the county eligibility worker (CEW) should conduct a redetermination and place the infant into the appropriate non-deemed aid code.

Currently the mother's ID/Client Identification Number (CIN), which is necessary for linking the infant to the mother's case for redetermination, is displayed on Worker Alert 9034. After 90 days this alert expires and is no longer accessible to the counties, causing difficulties when a redetermination is due at one year. Counties have requested the mother's CIN be stored on a MEDS screen to assist with file clearance of older deemed cases.

## COUNTY INSTRUCTIONS

Beginning August 2018, the mother's CIN will be stored on MEDS on the INQP screen in Data Element 3095.

Counties will also receive the following Worker Alerts informing them about the case:

- 9034 - DEEMED NEWBORN – COUNTY ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION REQUIRED
- 9535 - DEEMED NEWBORN OVER 10 MONTHS, REDETERMINATION IS NEEDED.

There is no change to alert 9034. It will still include the mother's CIN, which will also be saved on the INQP screen. Alert 9535 will now be triggered at 11 months instead of 12 months to allow the CEW adequate time to work the case.

A new worker alert will be added to notify that redetermination is overdue at 12 months. Updates or changes to MEDS alerts, including messaging codes, will be provided to the counties using the change cycle letter and 60 day letters.

CHDP Deemed Infant aid codes 8U and 8V are for infants aged zero to one year. Children over one year of age should not have eligibility under these aid codes. They should be redetermined before their first birthday so that they may be placed into the appropriate aid code. If a child over age one remains in these aid codes, the new alert issued at 12 months will place these cases on an exception eligible report where they will remain until the counties work them.

[ACWDL 11-33](#) removed the requirement that a deemed infant must be living with the mother to retain coverage through deemed eligibility. As a result, Worker Alert 9033 – DEEMED NEWBORN - MOM ADDRESS DIFF ON MEDS – VERIFY ELIG has been deleted.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Lucy Hall, by phone at (916) 552-9467 or by email at [Lucy.Hall@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Lucy.Hall@dhcs.ca.gov).

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