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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Historical Income Record Entry

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Letter (MEDIL) is to inform counties of actions to take in the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) when counties receive referrals through the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS) where an applicant has self-attested to receiving income during the current calendar year including Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB).

Background

The American Rescue Plan included a provision which grants the highest tax credits and most advantageous cost sharing reductions (CSR) level to households in which the taxpayer received or was eligible to receive UIB for at least one week in the 2021 benefit year. CalHEERS implemented a functionality to "lock" the household's Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for the purposes of Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC) and CSR eligibility at 138.1% for the entire 2021 benefit year if UIB income, of greater than \$0, was reported as received in the 2021 benefit year. With COVID-19 UIB ending for many individuals in September 2021, an individual may have received UIB income earlier in the year that must still be used in the eligibility determination for Covered California but that is not used for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal programs. In order to maintain correct eligibility for mixed Medi-Cal and Covered California households, the UIB and other income for the calendar year must be included in the file to avoid erroneously affecting APTC resulting in consumers paying unnecessary premium amounts.

Updated County Business Process

Effective with the release of this MEDIL, county eligibility workers (CEW) shall enter the current year historical income, including UIB, data received in the Determination of Eligibility Response (DER) from CalHEERS into SAWS. In instances when the individual has end date the income, the CEW shall include the end date in the income record in

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SAWS. This will allow the calendar year income used by Covered California to be included in the Eligibility Determination Request (EDR) sent by SAWS.

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