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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information

Letter No.: I 23-62

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

SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIMARY
CARE PROVIDER ASSIGNMENT FOR THE AGE 26-49 ADULT
EXPANSION TRANSITION

Purpose

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to provide the county eligibility offices with guidance on county eligibility worker responsibilities relating to ["MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ASSIGNMENT FOR THE AGE 26-49 ADULT EXPANSION TRANSITION", All Plan Letter \(APL\) 23-031](#).

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 184 (Chapter 47, Statutes of 2022) amended Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) section 14007.8 to expand eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal to individuals who are 26 through 49 years of age, and who do not have satisfactory immigration status (SIS) as required by W&I section 14011.2.1 This new coverage is referred to as the Age 26-49 Adult Expansion and will take effect on January 1, 2024.

Much of the Adult Expansion Population is currently served through county programs for the uninsured and low-income populations and public health care systems. As these individuals transition to full scope Medi-Cal, California has prioritized two goals:

- 1) Maintain Primary Care Provider (PCP) assignment to the maximum extent possible; and
- 2) Support and strengthen traditional county health providers who treat a high volume of uninsured and Medi-Cal patients.

Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) have been provided guidance in APL 23-031 on the Age 26-49 Adult Expansion to ensure individuals transitioning from restricted scope Medi-Cal or are otherwise uninsured to full scope Medi-Cal maintain their existing PCP assignments to the maximum extent possible to minimize disruptions in services. MCPs must coordinate with county uninsured programs and public health care systems to share data for the Age 26-49 Adult Expansion Population and use that data to effectuate PCP assignment.

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County Medi-Cal Offices Responsibilities

County Medi-Cal Offices are not responsible for providing data to plans to complete the matching PCP assignments. However, if contacted by a MCP, County Medi-Cal Offices should, to the best of their ability, assist the MCP with locating a contact for the county uninsured programs or public health care systems in the county. DHCS recognizes that in some circumstances this is not possible as not all counties have a county uninsured program or public health care system, or the County Medi-Cal Office may not have the requested contact information.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Jillian Davis, by phone at (916) 345-8172 or by email at Jillian.Davis@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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