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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Mental Health Directors
All County Health Executives

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DEACTIVATION OF AID CODES 5G, 5H, 5M, AND 5N ON MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEM

Ref: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) 99-45

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties of the deactivation of Aid Codes 5G, 5H, 5M, and 5N for future months on the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). The deactivation of these aid codes will allow for the payment of any services provided under these aid codes, but will prevent counties from using them. Once it has been determined that all claims have been paid under these aid codes, they will be eliminated from MEDS.

Background

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 required states to reauthorize most state-only non-emergency services provided to undocumented immigrants. Prior to the reauthorization of non-emergency pregnancy-related services for undocumented immigrants, the above referenced aid codes were developed. These aid codes would have eliminated non-emergency services to undocumented immigrants. That action, however, was stopped by litigation and all state-only benefits for undocumented immigrants were reauthorized. These aid codes, therefore, are no longer required.

In lieu of using the above referenced aid codes, counties are advised to continue using the following aid codes:

- 58 NON-PRUCOL/NON-AMNESTY ALIENS. Covers all eligible undocumented aliens, and eligible documented aliens who are not lawful permanent residents, not Permanently Residing in the United States Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) or not amnesty aliens with valid and current I-688 cards.
- 5F PREGNANT NON-PRUCOL/NON-AMNESTY ALIENS. Covers all eligible pregnant undocumented aliens, and eligible pregnant documented aliens who are not lawful permanent residents, not PRUCOL or not amnesty aliens with valid and current I-688 cards.
- 7C 100 PERCENT PROGRAM CHILD-UNDOCUMENTED NONIMMIGRANT STATUS. Covers emergency and pregnancy-related services to children born after September 30, 1983, ages 6 to 19 and beyond when inpatient status begins before the 19th birthday and family income is at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- 48 INCOME DISREGARD PROGRAM: PREGNANT-UNDOCUMENTED/NONIMMIGRANT ALIEN. Provides family planning, pregnancy-related, and postpartum services for any age female if family income is at or below 200 percent of the FPL.
- 76 60-DAY POSTPARTUM PROGRAM. Provides Medi-Cal at no share of cost to women who, while pregnant, were eligible for, applied for and received Medi-Cal benefits. They may continue to be eligible for postpartum services and family planning. This coverage begins on the last day of pregnancy and ends the last day of the month in which the 60th day occurs.

System Changes

The first step in the process of eliminating these aid codes will be the deactivation of these aid codes. This will ensure that counties will no longer be able to use the aid codes on MEDS. Prior to or concurrent with this deactivation, the Information Technology Services Division will determine the status of all beneficiaries in these aid codes. If there are active beneficiaries in these aid codes, a future termination date will be inserted into the record. A report listing these beneficiaries will be sent to

Ms. Erin Lynch of my staff so that the counties can be directly contacted and instructed to place these beneficiaries in the appropriate aid code.

After deactivation of these aid codes and that all claims on these aid codes have been paid, we will proceed with the elimination of these aid codes.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Lynch at (916) 654-5769.

Sincerely,

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