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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No. 08-27E
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ERRATA TO 08-27: RETROACTIVE COVERAGE FOR PRESUMPTIVE
ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PREGNANT WOMEN PROGRAM

The purpose of this errata is to clarify retroactive Medi-Cal coverage for pregnant women under the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PE) program.

Paragraph four of All County Welfare Directors Letter 08-27 reads:

“If workers become aware that an applicant is a PE beneficiary, they are to provide information on how to apply for Medi-Cal and the time frames for applying for retroactive Medi-Cal coverage including services in the three months prior to the Medi-Cal application date. The applicant should also be made aware that they can apply for retroactive Medi-Cal coverage within one year of the month for which retroactive coverage is requested if their on-going Medi-Cal application is approved.”

The information in this paragraph is clarified to read:

If workers become aware that an applicant is a PE beneficiary, they are to provide information on how to apply for Medi-Cal and the time frames for applying for retroactive Medi-Cal coverage. The applicant can apply for retroactive Medi-Cal coverage within one year of the month for which retroactive coverage is needed. The applicant must be found eligible for Medi-Cal in any of the three months immediately preceding the month of her application or reapplication in order to be eligible for retroactive Medi-Cal. The

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applicant does not have to apply for or be approved for on-going Medi-Cal in order to apply for retroactive coverage.

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