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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 10-25
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2011/2012 MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY QUALITY CONTROL GEOGRAPHIC
SAMPLING PLAN PILOT PROJECT

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved extension of the Geographic Sampling Plan Pilot Project (GSP). The renewed GSP authorizes the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to continue conducting geographic sampling of Medi-Cal Assistance Only (MAO) cases. This renewal extends the GSP for State Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

As with prior iterations, GSP- Medi-Cal Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) case reviews will continue to be conducted in the 25 largest counties that comprise approximately 94 percent of the statewide MAO population for 2011/2012. As a result of the extension of the GSP pilot project, the annual MEQC coverage for the 25 largest counties is projected to be 2,520 cases.

Enclosed is a chart of California counties by MAO population size. The chart reflects the MAO population information from "Summary Pivot Table, Most Recent 24 Months as of 08-2010, 2010-06 Beneficiary Count" – Medically Indigent, Medically Needy, Undocumented, and Other Categories. The 33 smallest and 25 largest counties are identified, as well as the MAO numbers for each county.

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The terms of the GSP pilot project preclude MEQC fiscal repercussions or sanctions for the duration of the pilot project. As a part of the extension effective July 1, 2011, the share of cost dollar threshold level for a citable Medi-Cal error will remain at \$400. Any discrepancy in the share of cost below \$400 will be reported as a procedural error, not a citable error. As part of the GSP, DHCS will conduct Corrective Action Reviews on all MEQC cases with citable errors and procedural errors.

DHCS provides an annual report to CMS on the findings of the MEQC pilot project.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Lim, Chief, Coastal Unit, at (415) 904-9702 or by email at john.lim@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Enclosure

**PROPOSED GSP LARGE AND SMALL COUNTIES
FOR APRIL 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2011 AND
OCTOBER 2011 THROUGH MARCH 2012 BASE PERIODS**

Medi-Cal Eligibility Quality Control Counties
25 Largest Counties
(approximately 94% of CA MAO population)

County	Total	% Total
Los Angeles	1,485,123	33.4%
Orange	296,349	6.7%
San Bernardino	248,670	5.6%
San Diego	236,252	5.3%
Riverside	228,164	5.1%
Fresno	182,151	4.1%
Santa Clara	165,466	3.7%
Sacramento	155,941	3.5%
Kern	138,613	3.1%
Alameda	132,997	3.0%
Tulare	102,753	2.3%
San Joaquin	94,080	2.1%
Ventura	87,009	2.0%
Contra Costa	78,315	1.8%
Stanislaus	76,732	1.7%
Monterey	68,844	1.5%
San Francisco	68,751	1.5%
Santa Barbara	54,398	1.2%
San Mateo	48,388	1.09%
Merced	46,599	1.05%
Sonoma	39,596	0.89%
Solano	37,226	0.83%
Imperial	32,091	0.72%
Santa Cruz	28,887	0.65%
Madera	28,724	0.65%
Total	4,162,119	93.5%

Periodic Case Review Counties
33 Smallest Counties
(approximately 6% of CA MAO population)

County	Total	% Total
Butte	28,676	0.65%
Kings	21,249	0.47%
San Luis Obispo	20,994	0.47%
Shasta	19,828	0.45%
Yolo	18,093	0.41%
Placer	17,544	0.40%
Marin	14,907	0.34%
Humboldt	14,109	0.32%
Mendocino	14,037	0.32%
Sutter	13,181	0.30%
El Dorado	11,298	0.25%
Napa	10,590	0.24%
Yuba	10,588	0.24%
Tehama	9,993	0.22%
Lake	9,745	0.22%
Nevada	6,485	0.15%
San Benito	5,983	0.13%
Siskiyou	5,011	0.11%
Glenn	4,505	0.10%
Tuolumne	4,328	0.10%
Calaveras	3,576	0.08%
Del Norte	3,534	0.08%
Colusa	3,263	0.07%
Lassen	2,505	0.06%
Inyo	2,452	0.05%
Amador	2,389	0.05%
Plumas	1,614	0.04%
Trinity	1,579	0.04%
Mariposa	1,447	0.03%
Modoc	1,272	0.03%
Mono	980	0.02%
Sierra	311	0.007%
Alpine	134	0.003%
Total	286,200	6.5%

Statewide Total 4,448,319

**Overview for the Medi-Cal Beneficiaries
Summary Pivot Table, Most Recent 24 Months as of 08-2010
2010-06 Beneficiary Count**

**Medically Indigent, Medically Needy, Undocumented and Other categories
were used for this Enclosure**

Other Category includes Refugee Assistance cases