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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS   Letter No.: 12-37
                ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
                ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
                ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
                ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
                ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: Elimination of Healthy Families Notice of Action Language
              ACWDL 98-09, ACWDL 99-06, ACWDL 03-01, ACWDL 07-03

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to obsolete Medi-Cal notice of action (NOA) language which refers to the Healthy Families Program (HFP). As a result of the transition of the HFP to the Medi-Cal program, references to the HFP should no longer be included in most Medi-Cal NOAs after the transition has begun, no sooner than January 1, 2013.

Previous ACWDLs provided suggested language specific to the HFP to be included in certain Medi-Cal NOAs. The intent of the language was to provide information about the HFP for certain children with share-of-cost (SOC) Medi-Cal and to provide information about the Medi-Cal to Healthy Families Bridging Program. Different versions of this suggested language, along with instructions on when it should be used, were provided in ACWDLs 98-09, 99-06, 03-01 and 07-03.

As of the date the transition of the HFP to the Medi-Cal program begins, language about the HFP or the Medi-Cal to Healthy Families Bridging Program should no longer be included in most Medi-Cal NOAs. The Department of Health Care Services anticipates that the only time HFP bridging language will be used in a Medi-Cal NOA is when an AIM linked baby must be referred back to the HFP due to an increase in income.

If you have any questions about this ACWDL, please contact Alison Brown at (916) 327-0418 or by email at: Alison.Brown@dhcs.ca.gov.

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