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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 17-09
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Program Automation

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with policies and procedures for upcoming changes to the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PE4PW) Program. On April 1, 2017, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will implement the California Medicaid Management Information Systems' (CA-MMIS) Online Portal for Qualified Providers (QPs) in the PE4PW Program to assist applicants applying for PE.

Background

In November 1993, Assembly Bill 501 (Chapter 1127, Statutes of 1992) implemented the PE Program. Welfare and Institutions Code 14148.7 authorized DHCS to provide PE benefits to pregnant women as allowed in Section 1920 of the Social Security Act. Currently, QPs are using a manual (paper) process that assesses applicants for eligibility for PE4PW.

PE4PW Program Benefits

The PE4PW Program allows QPs to grant immediate, temporary Medi-Cal coverage for ambulatory prenatal care and prescription drugs for conditions related to pregnancy to low-income (at or below 213 percent of the Federal Poverty Level), pregnant applicants based on self-attested information collected by the QP from the applicant, pending their formal Medi-Cal application.

Benefits under PE4PW include prenatal services provided on an outpatient basis at doctor offices, clinics, and emergency rooms. Covered services include, for example, vaginal bleeding, prescription needs, dental benefits, laboratory services determined to be pregnancy related by a physician, and therapeutic abortion or termination of pregnancy services.

Non-covered services include sterilization, family planning, hospitalization (in-patient services), labor and delivery, some laboratory services, and medical or dental services that are not pregnancy related.

PE4PW Program Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the PE4PW Program, the applicant must be a California resident, not currently enrolled in Medi-Cal, meet the income and household composition requirements, and not have had a PE enrollment for the current pregnancy.

Benefits of the New CA-MMIS Online Portal for QPs in the PE4PW Program

- Beneficiaries will continue to apply for benefits in person at QP offices.
- QPs will use a new electronic web portal for eligibility determinations.
- PE4PW Eligibility determination results will be immediately displayed in real time.
- QPs will be able to submit electronic claims.

QP Enrollment

To enroll as a QP, the provider must be a Medi-Cal provider in good standing. The provider must also have a provider type and categories of service that allow billing for prenatal care.

Providers wishing to become a QP for the purpose of offering PE4PW will be able to request enrollment by downloading the application, QP Application and Agreement for Participation in the PE4PW Program (Attachment 1), and following the directions for submission to Conduent.

Transition to the New CA-MMIS Online Portal

Once implemented on April 1, 2017, there will be a six-month transition period for existing QPs and their staff to move to the new CA-MMIS Online Portal for submission of PE4PW program applications. DHCS will provide training and support to assist existing QPs in the transition process.

DHCS will provide transitioning QPs, as well as new enrolling providers with Computer Based Training modules, Frequently Asked Questions, provider readiness checklists, and more to assist providers in using the Online Portal. Existing and new enrolling QPs will have to complete training to participate in the Program.

Information regarding the PE4PW Online Portal will be released via the Hot News area of the Medi-Cal website, Provider Bulletins, News Flashes, and the PE4PW web page. Providers may also contact the Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555 (outside of California, please call 916-636-1980). Providers are encouraged to subscribe to the

Medi-Cal Subscription Service (MCSS) to receive timely notifications related to PE4PW by completing the MCSS Subscriber Form on the Medi-Cal website. Training for the Online Portal users is available on the Medi-Cal Learning Portal.

PE4PW Program Application

The new MC 263-P application is a one-page PE4PW program application (Attachment 2) that will allow QPs to collect the applicant's self-attested information. Authorized QP staff review the completed one-page application and input the applicant's information via the PE4PW Online Portal. The MC 263-P paper application is not to be mailed or faxed to DHCS for the PE4PW program; rather, the purpose of this paper application is to assist QPs in collecting necessary information for input into the online portal.

Once the PE4PW application has been submitted through the Online Portal, an electronic data match of the applicant's information determines if the applicant is currently receiving Medi-Cal benefits through the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). If the applicant is not currently receiving benefits from Medi-Cal, MEDS will provide a response to the system with an immediate PE4PW eligibility determination in real time.

If the applicant is determined eligible for PE4PW, the beneficiary will be assigned aid code 7G and the QP will print out the eligibility determination and the *Immediate Need Eligibility Document* (Attachment 3). This document works similarly to the Benefits Identification Card (BIC). The beneficiary must present the *Immediate Need Eligibility Document* to Medi-Cal providers for service during the PE4PW eligibility period. PE4PW beneficiaries *do not* receive a plastic BIC. A BIC will only be sent to the beneficiary if she applies for and is subsequently determined eligible for Medi-Cal benefits.

Note: Applicants with a negative pregnancy test result or otherwise found to be not pregnant by the QP will not receive an *Immediate Need Eligibility Document*. MEDS will place the applicant in aid code 7F, and the QP will only be able to claim reimbursement for the pregnancy test and initial visit.

Grandfathered QPs can continue to provide PE determinations and issue paper Proof of Eligibility identification cards using the manual process until September 30, 2017. On October 1, 2017, this manual process will be shut down. Claims for dates of service after December 1, 2017, using the paper Proof of Eligibility identification cards, will not be accepted or processed.

PE4PW QPs are required to provide beneficiaries of the PE4PW Program with an Insurance Affordability Program (IAP) application. PE4PW beneficiaries must submit a

completed IAP application no later than the last day of the month following the month in which PE4PW was granted. To the extent the IAP application is submitted during the PE4PW period, their PE4PW coverage can be extended pending the Medi-Cal determination (approval or denial).

MEDS will be programmed to automatically terminate all PE4PW benefits for beneficiaries who reach the 60-day limit unless MEDS has a record of a pending IAP application. If MEDS shows a pending HX-18 transaction (Covered California application) or EW-18 transaction (county application), MEDS will not automatically terminate PE4PW benefits until the application is adjudicated with either an HX-20 or EW-20.

PE4PW Aid Codes

Aid Codes	PE4PW Aid Code Definitions
7F	Valid for pregnancy test, initial visit, and services associated with the initial visit. Persons placed in 7F have pregnancy test results that are negative or have been found to be not pregnant by the QP.
7G	Valid for specific Ambulatory Prenatal Care Services. Persons placed in 7G have self-attested to the pregnancy or have a pregnancy test result that is positive. QP issues a paper <i>Immediate Need Eligibility Document</i> .

If you have any questions or if we can provide further information, please contact Ms. Cynthia Cannon, AGPA, Access Unit at (916) 552-9499 or by email to Cynthia.Cannon@dhcs.ca.gov.

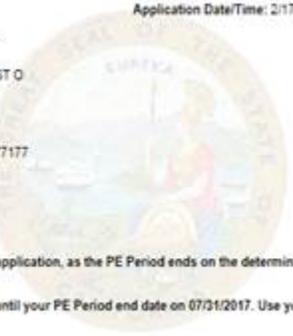
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- Attachment 1: MC 311
- Attachment 2: MC 263-P
- Attachment 3: Immediate Needs Card (attached)

Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Medi-Cal Application Response

Application Date/Time: 2/17/2017 9:20:39 AM

Provider Number: 1003819378
Individual's Name: FRIDAY TEST O
Date of Birth: 09/12/1999
BIC ID: 74125011H77177
BIC Issue Date: 06/26/2017
Good Thru Date: 07/31/2017



Important Notice: The PE Period End Date in the response below can change if the client submits an insurance affordability application, as the PE Period ends on the determination date (approved or denied). Providers, please verify eligibility.

Response: You are granted Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PE4PW) temporary, ambulatory prenatal Medi-Cal until your PE Period end date on 07/31/2017. Use your Benefits Identification Card to access these services. To see if you qualify for permanent coverage, submit a completed insurance affordability application.

Client Signature: _____