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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No: 19-04
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL PROBATION DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: USE OF MC 250 FOSTER CARE FORM AT ANNUAL
REDETERMINATION (Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter
Nos. 82-34 and 89-68)

The MC 250 Foster Care form is an application and statement of facts for a child who is not living with a parent or relative and for whom a public agency is assuming financial responsibility. It is to be completed at intake in order to establish Medi-Cal eligibility for children in foster care.

The current language on the Form MC 250 states that it is to be completed by the public agency representative at the time of annual redetermination of Medi-Cal eligibility. However, this is no longer required at redetermination.

Per Welfare and Institutions Code Section (W&I Code §) 14005.37, at time of annual redetermination, counties are required to attempt an ex parte redetermination before contacting the beneficiary for additional information. Furthermore, California Department of Social Services All County Letter 11-10 states that federal policy no longer requires annual redeterminations once Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) linkage has been established. This change is based upon Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Children's Bureau Program (CB) Instruction 10-11 (ACYF-CB-PI-10-11), which states:

As indicated in policy issued at Child Welfare Policy Manual 8.3A.4, 8.3A.10, and 8.4A on April 8, 2010, we have eliminated AFDC redeterminations to ease an administrative burden we now believe is unnecessary. The title IV-E agency must establish AFDC eligibility at the time the child is removed from home or a voluntary placement agreement is entered.

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Due to the ex parte redetermination requirements for Medi-Cal per W&I Code § 14005.37 in addition to the elimination of AFDC-FC redeterminations, Form MC 250 is no longer required to be completed by the county at annual redetermination for foster youth. However, the county is still required to attempt an ex parte redetermination of the foster child's Medi-Cal eligibility and follow up if unable to successfully complete the redetermination without additional information. At redetermination, all that is required is confirmation that the child is still in foster care or in the custody of the child welfare agency, and living in California, which should be documented in a case comments.

In the event that the foster child is removed from foster care and reunited with family, and then subsequently placed back in foster care, Form MC 250 must be filled out again to establish Medi-Cal eligibility.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Nicholas Clark, by phone at (916) 345-8092 or by email at Nicholas.Clark@dhcs.ca.gov.

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