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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program specialists/Liaisons

SUBJECT: Family Planning Services for IRCA/OBRA

The purpose of this letter is to share information about Medi-Cal eligibility for family planning services received by women eligible for Medi-Cal under the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) and the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA).

Department staff have recently been advised that women with IRCA/OBRA status are routinely being denied Medi-Cal for family planning services requested subsequent to the sixty-day postpartum period. As a point of clarification, recipients with IRCA/OBRA status are eligible for emergency and pregnancy-related services. Family planning services are included in the definition of pregnancy-related services. Thus, providing she is otherwise Medi-Cal eligible, a woman with IRCA/OBRA status (Aid Codes 51, 52, 56, 57, or 58) would be eligible for pregnancy-related services extending beyond the sixty-day postpartum period. As with emergency Medi-Cal services, the woman may incur a share of cost for pregnancy-related services received beyond the postpartum period.

If you have questions or need further information about the IRCA/OBRA program, please contact Marlene King of my staff at (916) 657-0712.

Sincerely,

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