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Department of Health Care Services



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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter NO.: 08-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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: EXTREME WEATHER DECEMBER 2008 ALERT

This is to advise County Welfare Departments (CWDs) to begin preparations for possible assistance from County Medi-Cal Eligibility staff in the event of activation of California Mobile Assistance Centers.

The National Weather Service has advised that a severe cold front is anticipated to hit California as early as December 12, 2008. Temperatures are expected to be 15-20° below seasonal averages throughout the State, with the snow levels at low elevations in mountain ranges. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) are implementing Phase I of the California Contingency Plan for Extreme Cold/Freeze Emergencies.

As part of DHCS preparedness activities, CWDs are being advised that if there is a need to activate California Mobile Assistance Centers, CWDs will need to make Medi-Cal Eligibility staff available to work at these centers. The California Mobile Assistance Centers are one stop centers that provide job and unemployment assistance, support with food programs, health care information, warming center location information and other essential services.

Activation of California Mobile Assistance Centers requiring Medi-Cal Eligibility staff would not occur unless we enter Phase III, at which time an assessment of need will be made and affected CWDs will be notified and details will be made available.

To facilitate communication and responsiveness, please identify the appropriate contact person in your county who we can contact should your CWD be called upon to provide Medi-Cal Eligibility services to impacted individuals.

Please fax the following information to (916) 552-9478, attention Elma Collins.

County _____
Primary Contact _____
Phone Number _____
Fax Number _____

Documents regarding Extreme Cold can be found at:
<http://bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov/epo/> and <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Original signed by

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