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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS SPECIALIST/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES FOR THE MINOR  
CONSENT PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Information Letter is to inform counties that Assembly Bill 499 (Atkins, Chapter 652, Statutes of 2011), updated the California Family Code, Section 6926 to authorize minors, who are 12 years of age or older, to consent to medical care related to the prevention of a sexually transmitted disease (STD). Therefore, if a minor specifically requests confidential services for prevention of an STD, the Minor Consent Program covers that service.

**BACKGROUND**

The California Family Code, Section 6926 provides that a minor may, without parental consent, receive services related to sexual assault, pregnancy and pregnancy-related services, family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, and outpatient mental health treatment and counseling.

In correlation with the California Family Code above, Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50063.5 defines minor consent services under Medi-Cal as services related to

- 1) Sexual assault,
- 2) Drug and alcohol abuse,
- 3) Pregnancy and pregnancy-related care,
- 4) Family planning,
- 5) Venereal diseases for children 12 years of age or older,
- 6) STDs designated by the Director for children 12 years of age or older, and
- 7) Mental health care for children 12 years of age or older who are mature enough to participate intelligently and which is needed to prevent the children from seriously harming themselves or others or needed because the children are the alleged victims of incest or child abuse.

Medi-Cal Minor Consent Program Aid Codes

The Medi-Cal Minor Consent Program aid codes provide confidential coverage for services related to:

| Aid Code | Under Age 12  | Aid Code | Age 12 but Under Age 21  |
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| 7N       | Limited to family planning and pregnancy-related services.  | 7M       | Limited to sexually transmitted diseases, sexual assault, family planning, drug and alcohol abuse treatment and counseling. Not to be used for any mental health service.      |
| 7R       | Limited to family planning services and sexual assault services without mental health treatment and counseling. | 7N       | Limited to family planning and pregnancy-related services.   |
|          |   | 7P       | Limited to sexually transmitted diseases, sexual assault, family planning, drug and alcohol abuse treatment and counseling, outpatient mental health treatment and counseling. |
|          |   | 7R       | Limited to family planning services and sexual assault services.   |

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The wording of Title 22, CCR, Section 50063.5 is broad enough to include prevention services as required by AB 499 and there is no new aid code required for prevention services. This service will fall under 7M (without outpatient mental health treatment and counseling) or 7P (with outpatient mental health treatment and counseling included.)

If you have any questions or if we can provide further information, please contact Sherilyn Walden at (916) 552-9472 or by email at [Sherilyn.Walden@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Sherilyn.Walden@dhcs.ca.gov).

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