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Department of Health Care Services



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MHSD INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 13-09

TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: THRESHOLD LANGUAGES

SUPERSEDES: DMH Information Notice No.: 11-07

REFERENCE: Retain until superseded

The Department of Health Care Services provides annual Threshold Language updates to counties to ensure linguistic competence in the public mental health system. Counties are required to comply with all Threshold Language requirements contained in Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 1810.410 and Cultural Competence Plan Requirements (CCPR) contained in Information Notice No. 10-02 and 10-17 accordingly. This Information Notice contains updated Threshold Language data.

“Threshold Language” means a language identified as the primary language, as indicated on the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS), of 3,000 beneficiaries or five percent of the beneficiary population, whichever is lower, in an identified geographic area, per Title 9, CCR Section 1810.410 (a)(3).

Enclosed are the following:

Enclosure 1- Medi-Cal Eligibles by Primary Language (October 2011): This enclosure displays the distribution by language of Medi-Cal eligibles in each county. Primary language of the beneficiary is self-reported. Highlighted cells represent those languages designated as Threshold Languages in accordance with Title 9, CCR, section 1810.410 (a)(3).

Enclosure 2- Threshold Languages By County: This enclosure lists the threshold languages per county.

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Enclosure 3- Medi-Cal Eligibles (October 2011): This enclosure delineates the number of threshold languages per county.

Questions regarding how Threshold Languages are determined should be directed to Terry MacRae of the Research & Analytic Studies Branch at (916) 324-9870. Questions regarding Threshold Language CCPRs should be directed to Monika Grass of the Quality Assurance Section at (916) 319-8525.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures