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TO: Local Educational Agency (LEA)

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF POLICY ON UNSATISFACTORY IMMIGRATION STATUS (UIS) BENEFICIARIES FOR THE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY MEDI-CAL BILLING OPTION PROGRAM (LEA BOP)

This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) provides notification to LEAs participating in the Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) that claims for beneficiaries with an UIS are not eligible for federal financial participation (FFP) reimbursements through the LEA BOP. Furthermore, the LEAs are responsible to fund LEA BOP services provided to UIS beneficiaries through local funds and no state general fund (SGF) will be expended for this population.

UIS Beneficiary Claims

UIS beneficiaries are identified as those individuals who fall into at least one of the following groups:

1. Non-Qualified Non-Citizens, individuals who have either entered the United States bypassing immigration authorities or who have overstayed their visa.
2. Qualified Non-Citizen (QNC) beneficiaries who are not federally eligible for full scope Medi-Cal.
3. Immigrants who are Permanently Residing Under Color Of Law (PRUCOL) and are not federally eligible for full scope Medi-Cal.
4. Senate Bill 75 (Chapter 18, Statutes of 2015) beneficiaries are not federally eligible for full scope Medi-Cal.
5. Young Adult Expansion (YAE) beneficiaries ages 21 to 25 include undocumented immigrants and certain lawfully present immigrants who are not QNCs and are not federally eligible for full scope Medi-Cal.

6. **Undocumented Older Californians Expansion (effective 5/1/2022) beneficiaries ages 50 years or older, including undocumented immigrants and certain lawfully present immigrants who are not QNCs, are not federally eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal.**
7. For participants of the Trafficking and Crime Victim Assistance Program (TCVAP), a cash assistance program for non-citizen victims of crime who are in need of immediate services and who are obtaining a legal humanitarian status or assisting in the prosecution of a crime, the following aid codes do not qualify for FFP: 7V, 5V, 4V, 2V.

Emergency and pregnancy related services provided to UIS beneficiaries are eligible for FFP. However, the LEA BOP does not reimburse for these types of services.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has made edits to the Fiscal Intermediary (FI) and data match process to ensure that claims are appropriately denied for FFP and excluded from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Ratio (MER) process. The LEA BOP provides the federal share of reimbursements for services provided to Medi-Cal enrolled students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)/ Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP)/ Individualized Health and Support Plan (IHSP).

Please e-mail LEA@dhcs.ca.gov for any questions regarding this PPL.

Sincerely,

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