



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

SUBJECT: TITLE XXI STATE CHILDREN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM – INCREASE IN FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE

This memorandum addresses the increase in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) under Title XXI State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) effective October 1, 2015.

Section 2101(a) of the Affordable Care Act amended Section 2105(b) of the Social Security Act to increase the Title XXI CHIP enhanced FMAP by twenty-three percentage points (23%) for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019 (federal fiscal years 2016 through 2018). The revised CHIP FMAP rate for California during this period will be eighty-eight percent (88%). This reduces the county share of cost to twelve percent (12%). Given the implementation date of October 1, 2015, counties are eligible to submit replacement claims based on the new FMAP percentage split.

The amended CHIP FMAP was implemented in the Short-Doyle Medi-Cal system on April 5, 2016. Therefore, Drug Medi-Cal claims previously submitted for service dates October 1, 2015 through April 5, 2016, for this population can be replaced and reimbursed at the enhanced rate.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to your assigned Fiscal Management and Accountability Branch Analyst.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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