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MMCD All Plan Letter 06009

TO: ALL TWO-PLAN AND GEOGRAPHIC MANAGED CARE HEALTH PLANS

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL DATA REQUEST

This is to request your assistance in providing the utilization and cost data noted below.

As you are aware, the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) has engaged Mercer Government Human Services (Mercer) to review the rate methodology currently utilized by CDHS. One of the most critical elements of the process is developing an accurate base of data. In an ongoing effort to create such a base, Mercer and CDHS request the assistance of all managed care health plans by providing utilization and cost data to supplement the base data.

Please complete the attached workbook pertaining to Utilization by Category of Service and Aid Code, for each county in which your health plan provides Medi-Cal managed care services. The format requested is similar to that previously requested in April of 2006, and presented to the health plans in December 2005. However, average unit cost data is being requested. The first tab in the workbook includes specific instructions. If your organization intends to submit data in a flat file format, please ensure that the file provides the same level of detail requested in the attached template.

To allow for a timely completion of this project, please submit (via e-mail) the requested data **no later than November 6, 2006,** to Ms. Sundee Easter, Project Manager, at sundee.easter@mercer.com with a copy to Mr. Stuart Busby, Chief of the Financial Management Section at Sbusby@dhs.ca.gov

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Busby at (916) 449-5000 or Ms. Easter at (602) 522-8547.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation

Sincerely,

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Attachment