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

SUBJECT: Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Phase II Implementation

This Information Notice is to inform County Mental Health Plans of the changes to the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) claims processing system as a result of DMH's transition to SD/MC Phase II.

This Information Notice accompanies the release of the SD/MC Phase II Companion Guide. The Companion Guide provides information regarding the detailed requirements of SD/MC Phase II claiming transactions. When the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) releases it on October 31, 2008, the Companion Guide will be posted on the ITWS website at https://mhitws.cahwnet.gov/systems/sdmc/docs/public/short_doyle_-_medi-cal_phase_ii.asp. All updates to the Companion Guide will be recorded in a Change Control Log maintained by DHCS.

The Companion Guide information will allow County Mental Health Plans to begin impact assessments and other actions necessary to prepare for the successful implementation of the SD/MC Phase II system. A testing environment will be available for Counties to test transactions in the SD/MC Phase II System prior to the implementation date. A testing and implementation schedule will be released soon.

In order for claims to be reimbursed, all transactions must be submitted in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Transitioning to the SD/MC Phase II system will allow us to ensure HIPAA compliance in claims processing. The Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), DMH, and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) host a weekly conference call on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This provides Counties and Vendors with a forum to ask questions and raise issues

that are related to SD/MC Phase II. It is also an opportunity for DHCS, DMH, and ADP to provide the Counties and Vendors with any SD/MC Phase II updates. The weekly agenda and action items list can be found on the ITWS website at:

https://mhitws.cahwnet.gov/systems/sdmc/docs/public/short_doyle_-_medical_phase_ii.asp.

Call-in information is provided on the agenda.

Background Information:

1. The Companion Guide consists of the following documents:

- 837P
- 837I
- 997
- 276
- 277
- 835
- 835 changes from phase I
- 837 changes from phase I

The Companion Guide, in its entirety, is over 800 pages. In order to conserve paper, attached is a description of the various components.

2. Similar to this Information Notice, ADP has planned to release a Bulletin notifying counties of this issue (attached).

3. A Companion Guide Appendix (includes scenarios, examples, further explanation, reference tables, etc.) will be released on November 7, 2008 on the ITWS website at:

https://mhitws.cahwnet.gov/systems/sdmc/docs/public/short_doyle_-_medi-cal_phase_ii.asp.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Director

Enclosures