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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Hospital Association
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Updated Claiming Logic for Medicaid Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP) Title XXI and Emergency Services Claims in the Short-Doyle Medi-Cal (SDMC) adjudication system

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) is to notify Mental Health Plans (MHPs), Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, (DMC-ODS) and DMC State Plan counties of an update to the claiming logic for all emergency services provided to children who are not eligible for federally funded full scope Medi-Cal in SDMC.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) notified the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) that Medi-Cal was eligible to claim MCHIP enhanced Title XXI, at 65% Federal Financial Participation (FFP). To claim the enhanced Title XXI 65% FFP, the Medi-Cal Eligibility Division identified aid codes T0, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, M5, and M6 for emergency related claims provided to children, regardless of immigration status.

Effective January 1, 2014, CMS approved state plan amendment (SPA) 14-005 to claim enhanced Title XXI, 65% FFP for otherwise eligible citizens and nationals of the United

States and certain non-citizens, including lawfully present individuals. The SPA does not allow DHCS to claim the enhanced Title XXI, 65% FFP for children assigned to the T-series, M5 or M6 aid codes if their Medi-Cal eligibility is determined under SB 75 or Permanent Residence Under Color of Law (PRUCOL).

In the CMS Financial Management Review Audit 21-02, CMS indicated that DHCS is improperly claiming enhanced Title XXI, 65% FFP for emergency services provided to children in the T series, M5, or M6 aid codes and who are not covered under SPA 14-005.

SDMC SYSTEM CHANGE:

Effective March 8, 2022, DHCS updated the SDMC adjudication claiming logic to reimburse Title XXI at 50% FFP for emergency services claims for children with the T series, M5, or M6 aid codes, and with SB 75 or PRUCOL immigration statuses. Counties will be reimbursed Title XXI, 50% FFP for emergency services for a beneficiary under the age of 19 assigned to the T-series, M5, or M6 aid codes if their Medi-Cal eligibility is determined under SB 75 or PRUCOL. Claims for non-emergency service will be denied.

Please e-mail MedCCC@dhcs.ca.gov with any questions regarding this BHIN.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Local Governmental Financing Division