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TO: Counties Participating in the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP)

SUBJECT: Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) Population in the Med-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP)

This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) is to inform counties participating in the MCIP that non-emergency and non-pregnancy related services for beneficiaries with UIS are not eligible for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) through MCIP. Section 1903(v)(2) of the Social Security Act (SSA) prohibits states from claiming federal funding for the aforementioned services. Emergency and pregnancy related services provided to UIS beneficiaries will continue to remain eligible for FFP.

Effective immediately, counties must cease submitting claims to the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) Fiscal Intermediary (FI) for non-emergency and non-pregnancy related services to beneficiaries with UIS. DHCS has implemented system edits to the inmate claiming criteria that will appropriately deny claims ineligible for FFP.

Included with this PPL is a detailed guide indicating impacted aid codes and resources to assist Counties as they encounter inmate claims for UIS beneficiaries enrolled in MCIP.

By definition, beneficiaries with an UIS are individuals who fall into at least one of the following groups:

1. Any individual that falls within a restricted scope Medi-Cal aid code. Restricted scope Medi-Cal aid codes are those aid codes that cover only emergency and pregnancy related services, and when needed, long-term care. FFP for these aid codes is limited to emergency and pregnancy related services.
2. Any individual that falls within a full scope aid code who is receiving state funded full scope Medi-Cal because they have an UIS. FFP for individuals receiving state funded full scope Medi-Cal is also limited to emergency and pregnancy related services. Individuals with a UIS, who are receiving state funded full scope Medi-Cal, will fall into one of the following categories:

- a. "Qualified" Non-Citizen (QNC) beneficiaries who are subject to and have not met the five-year bar.
- b. Individuals who are Permanently Residing Under Color Of Law (PRUCOL).
- c. Senate Bill 75 (Chapter 18, Statutes of 2015) beneficiaries.
- d. Young Adult Expansion (YAE) beneficiaries (ages 21 through 25).
- e. Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP) beneficiaries. The TCVAP program is a cash and medical assistance program for eligible non-citizen victims of trafficking and other crimes. TCVAP beneficiaries are in the following aid codes: 2V, 4V, 5V and 7V. TCVAP beneficiaries in aid code 2V and 4V are 100 percent State funded. For individuals in aid codes 5V or 7V, FFP is available only for emergency and pregnancy related services.
- f. Effective May 1, 2022, Older Adult Expansion (OAE) beneficiaries (50 years of age or older).

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

Sincerely,

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