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**TO:** All County California Children's Services Program Administrators

**SUBJECT:** Palivizumab for Immunoprophylaxis of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection during 2022- 2023

**BACKGROUND**

California Children's Services (CCS) is tracking Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) infection test positivity rates in conjunction with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), which receives RSV test positivity data from regional sentinel laboratories across California. From these data, CDPH prepares aggregated statewide RSV test positivity reports. These reports, together with those of the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS),<sup>1</sup> indicate a pattern of test positivity rates suggesting a relatively earlier start to the RSV season than in typical years, such as 2019 - 2020.

**GUIDANCE FOR CURRENT APPARENTLY ATYPICAL RSV SEASON**

CCS Numbered Letter (N.L.) 13-0914<sup>2</sup> describes program policy regarding authorization of Palivizumab immunoprophylaxis of RSV. For the current apparent RSV season only (2022-2023), more than five doses of Palivizumab may be administered; providers may administer up to a maximum of 6 doses per child, if the child receives the first dose in October. Monthly doses from October through April will provide protection through May.

If you have any questions regarding this I.N., please contact Dr. Joseph Schulman, via e-mail at [Joseph.Schulman@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Joseph.Schulman@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS)

<https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/rsv/state.html#CA>

<sup>2</sup> CCS Numbered Letter 13-0914

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Documents/ccsnl130914.pdf>