

PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY (PE) CLARIFICATION
FOR HOSPITAL PE (HPE) PROVIDERS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has provided new direction to California in the approval of the Title XIX, Hospital Presumptive Eligibility Program (HPE), State Plan Amendment (SPA) that eliminates the denial reason for having been determined eligible for Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTC) or Cost Sharing Reductions (CSR) in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP). The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is implementing changes to the HPE portal logic to eliminate denials of HPE for these applicants to comply with the new federal direction.

Effective April 1, 2015, HPE applicants will no longer be denied eligibility through the online HPE portal when they have been determined eligible for APTC or CSR in a QHP. HPE Providers should no longer see the E3 denial reason code and this verbiage should no longer appear “You are not eligible for Hospital Presumptive Eligibility because you currently have health insurance through Covered California” in the HPE Portal.