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MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES MANUAL LETTER NO.: 198

TO: All Holders of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual

Enclosed are revisions to California Code of Regulations, Article 4, Section 50167(a)(8), Verification – Prior to Approval, of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual.

**Procedure Revision:**

Article 4

**Description:**

Revision of the Procedures for pregnancy verification to include licensed midwives. This procedure should be implemented by June 1, 1998 no later July 1, 1998.

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If you have any questions concerning a specific revision, please contact Ms. Alia Ramirez of my staff at (916) 657-1401.

Sincerely,

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Based on Section 50167 (a)(8) of Article 4, California Code of Regulations (CCR), once the Medi-Cal application is submitted to the county based on pregnancy, the county is responsible for reviewing the information on the application with the applicant or beneficiary. Acceptable pregnancy verification is a written statement from:

- a physician,
- a physician's assistant,
- a certified nurse midwife,
- a certified nurse practitioner,
- a licensed midwife, or
- a designated medical or clinic personnel with access to patient's medical record.

A signature stamp, a photo copy, or a carbon copy are acceptable as long as they are initialed or counter-signed by the designated medical or clinic personnel providing the verification. The carbon copy signature that appears on the Pregnancy Verification portion of the Presumptive Eligibility, "Application for Medi-Cal Program Only" (PREMED2), does not need to be initialed.

**NOTE: Pregnancy verification is not required for women applying for minor consent services under Section 50147.1.**

Pregnancy verification should include the estimated date of confinement (EDC). If pregnancy verification does not include the EDC, the eligibility worker may ask the applicant for the expected date of birth. A verbal statement made by the applicant regarding the EDC is acceptable and sufficient. All EDCs taken verbally must be documented in the applicant's file by the eligibility worker.