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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE (AI/AN) EXEMPTIONS
FROM PREMIUM PAYMENTS

The purpose of this information letter is to advise counties that American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) children continue to have an exemption from premium payments in the Optional Targeted Low Income Children's Program (OTLICP) just as they had under the Healthy Families Program (HFP).

Section 5006(a) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 447, exempts AI/ANs from premiums and enrollment fees, if they are eligible to receive or have received an item or service from an Indian Health Service /Tribal 638/Urban Indian Health Program or through a referral under contract health services. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is developing a process to exempt AI/ANs from Medi-Cal premium payments and cost sharing based on these federal requirements.

Until DHCS has this new process in place, DHCS will temporarily follow the same process that the former HFP used which exempts AI/ANs from cost sharing and premiums based on the individual being an AI/AN. Therefore, for this interim period, counties shall determine the OTLICP eligibility for any known AI/AN children in a non-premium OTLICP aid code (H2) for children ages 1-6 or (H4) for children ages 6-19.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Sherilyn Walden by phone at (916) 552-9472 or by email at sherilyn.walden@dhcs.ca.gov.

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