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

SUBJECT: PREGNANCY CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCE WORKAROUND

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Informational Letter (MEDIL) is to provide a workaround to counties when a MAGI beneficiary reports her pregnancy via a change in circumstance.

BACKGROUND

At initial application, a pregnant woman cannot be found eligible for the new adult coverage group (aid code M1, M2) due to the fact that she is pregnant. If the pregnant woman could not establish eligibility as a former foster youth, a child, or a parent/caretaker relative, and the women met all the other criteria for Medi-Cal eligibility, the woman would be determined eligible for Medi-Cal on the basis of being pregnant and would be placed in the applicable pregnant woman coverage group (aid code M9, M7, M0, M8).

If a woman reports via a change in circumstance that she is now pregnant, and there are no other changes that would make her ineligible for the coverage group she is currently in, the woman shall remain in her current coverage group aid code. This policy applies to all MAGI coverage groups including the new adult group.

INSTRUCTIONS

There is currently a design gap in the Business Rules Engine (BRE) that is moving pregnant women out of coverage in the new adult and parent/caretaker relative coverage groups and putting these women into the pregnant woman coverage group.

Until further notice, counties are hereby instructed to not accept any transactions from CalHEERS that move a woman from aid codes M1, M2, M3, or M4 into any of the pregnant woman coverage group aid codes when the women reports her pregnancy. In the event that a transaction is sent down from CalHEERS that is attempting to move any

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individual as prescribed on Page 1, the county shall update the case to show not pregnant in CalHEERS to ensure that the beneficiary is kept in the correct aid code. The county shall note in the case file that this workaround has been completed; document that the woman is pregnant and the due date, and update the case accordingly when the design gap is effectuated.

In the event that a woman presents herself to the county saying that she is now pregnant, counties should document the change and due date in the case file but not act on the change until the aforementioned design gap is effectuated.

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