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

SUBJECT: Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment Period Policy Updates and Limitations

Background

The purpose of this letter is to inform the counties that effective July 31, 2015, the Medi-Cal Presumptive Eligibility (PE) programs implemented limitations on PE enrollment periods for various coverage groups based on guidance received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

PE Enrollment Period Policy and Limitations

The number of PE enrollment periods an individual may receive is limited in accordance with CMS direction. PE enrollment periods received from any of Medi-Cal’s PE programs listed below have limitations for the prior 12 months (except for PE for pregnant women). As of July 31, 2015, the Medi-Cal PE Program portals (Hospital PE, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) Gateway, Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) and PE for Pregnant Women) are validating that new applicants have not exceeded the PE enrollment period limitations under their coverage group. These PE enrollment period limitations for the various coverage groups are outlined in the table below:

Coverage Group	PE Enrollment Period Permitted
Former Foster Youth - Individuals age 18 through 25 years who were in foster care	One
Children ages 0 up to 19 year	Two
Parents and caretaker relatives	One

Coverage Group	PE Enrollment Period Permitted
New Adult Group – individuals age 19 through 64, not pregnant, not enrolled in Medicare and not eligible for any other group stated above	One
Pregnant Women	One per pregnancy

If a Medi-Cal PE applicant has exceeded the PE enrollment period limitations referenced in the table above, they will be denied PE and the denial reason will indicate that they have exceeded the PE limitation for their coverage group regardless of their PE enrollment access channel. The applicant is not eligible for PE but the enrolling provider shall encourage the applicant to submit the Single Streamlined Application for insurance affordability programs (Medi-Cal and Covered California) to obtain coverage from the appropriate health coverage options.

If you have any questions or if we can provide further information, please contact Ms. Delena Fong at (916) 324-0186 or by email at Delena.Fong@dhcs.ca.gov.

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