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

SUBJECT: DATE SPECIFIC POLICY CHANGE TO MEDI-CAL PRESUMPTIVE
ELIGIBILITY PROGRAMS

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that effective December 31, 2014, the date specific eligibility policy change for Presumptive Eligibility (PE) was implemented for all Medi-Cal PE programs. These PE programs are: Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP), Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway program, and Hospital PE program. The date specific eligibility policy of PE coverage effective date begins on the date the individual is determined eligible for PE coverage and ends at the end of the following month if a full Medi-Cal application is not submitted for ongoing eligibility. The PE coverage will no longer start on the first of the month of the PE application.

Background

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has provided the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) with guidance that PE begins on the day the applicant is determined eligible for PE and ends at the end of the following month if a full Medi-Cal application is not submitted for ongoing eligibility. If a full Medi-Cal application is submitted prior to the last day of the PE period, PE would continue until a final Medi-Cal determination is completed, regardless of whether the final outcome is an approval or denial.

Implementation

Upon implementation of the date specific policy, the PE coverage effective date for Medi-Cal PE programs will no longer go back to the first day of the month for a 60 day PE Enrollment Period. PE will begin on the day in which the PE coverage determination was approved.

- **For Example**, if approved for PE coverage on July 13th, PE coverage begins on July 13th. PE coverage will not go back to the first day of the month.

The PE Period end date policy remains the same. If an insurance affordability application is not submitted prior to the PE Enrollment Period end date, PE ends on the last day of the following month approved for PE.

- **For Example**, if approved for PE coverage on July 13th, PE coverage ends on the last day of August if the individual did not submit the insurance affordability application.

If an insurance affordability application is submitted prior to the PE Enrollment Period end date, PE ends on the date of determination (approved or denied) for the insurance affordability application.

- **For Example**, if approved for PE coverage on July 13th, and the insurance affordability application eligibility determination was made on July 29th, PE coverage ends on July 29th and approved coverage begins.

If you have any questions, please contact the staff below identified by PE program:

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