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

SUBJECT: Extension of Presumptive Eligibility Period for Presumptive Eligibility
for Pregnant Women Program in Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System

The purpose of this letter is to remind the counties that when individuals are enrolled in Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PE4PW) program and submit an insurance affordability program (IAP) application, a pending application transaction must be submitted to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) to extend the Presumptive Eligibility (PE) benefits for these individuals.

Background

Individuals enrolled in the PE4PW program are granted up to two months of PE coverage beginning on the day the PE determination is made. Prior to the end of the PE period, the individual must submit an IAP application to continue receiving benefits beyond the PE period end date. PE benefits will then continue until the IAP application is adjudicated and the appropriate transaction is posted in MEDS.

PE4PW Beneficiaries Losing Their Coverage

MEDS is programmed to automatically terminate PE4PW benefits for individuals on the last day of the following month in which the PE determination was made, **unless** MEDS has received an AP18 or HX18 transaction showing a pending IAP application. PE4PW beneficiaries who have complied with submitting a timely application risk losing their coverage if a pending application transaction is not sent to MEDS, thus extending their coverage until a final eligibility determination is completed.

To extend PE coverage for PE4PW beneficiaries, counties shall confirm that an AP18 application transaction is sent to and posted in MEDS with the IAP application date to continue PE benefits until a final eligibility determination is made for ongoing eligibility (approval or denial). If the PE4PW beneficiary submits an application through the

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California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System, the online system sends an HX18 to MEDS and reports the pending application through that channel. In the event the HX18 is not sent to MEDS due to a system error, counties should process an AP18 transaction to MEDS to continue the applicant's PE eligibility until the determination is final and the appropriate MEDS transaction (approval or denial) is posted.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Ms. Cynthia Cannon by phone at 916 552-9499 or by email at Cynthia.Cannon@dhcs.ca.gov.

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