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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS
ALL CONSORTIA/SAWS PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: Enhancement to the Income Eligibility Verification System

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter is to highlight the new non-wage income data that is now available in the Applicant Income Eligibility Verification System (IEVS-Applicant). The system upgrades were installed using a phased approach, with all modifications outlined in Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) Change Cycle Letters.

Background:

Under federal mandate, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) established IEVS-Applicant to assist in providing information required for Medicaid eligibility determinations. IEVS-Applicant is an important program integrity component of the Medi-Cal program by providing valuable income and employment data that counties use in Medi-Cal eligibility determinations.

Using IEVS-Applicant to verify an individual's circumstances ensures accurate eligibility determinations and can minimize the possibility of improper payments for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Refer to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual, Article 21, and All County Welfare Directors Letter, 11-30, for more information on IEVS-Applicant.

IEVS-Applicant Data Enhancements

IEVS-Applicant contains information from multiple sources, including the Franchise Tax Board (FTB). Prior to these enhancements, the FTB data consisted of only two non-wage income types: Interest Income, and Dividends and Distribution Income.

DHCS is now receiving FTB non-wage income data from 13 earning types, and this data is now accessible in IEVS-Applicant. The list of earning types is as follows:

Earning Type Code	Earning Type	IRS Form	New Upgrade
6	Interest	1099-INT	
1	Dividends	1099-DIV	
3	Mortgage Interest	1098	✓
4	Acquisition or Abandonment of Secured Property	1099-A	✓
B	Broker or Barter Exchange Proceeds	1099-B	✓
F	Certain Government Payments	1099-G	✓
9	Distributions from Pensions, Annuities, Retirement Plans, etc.	1099-R	✓
S	Real Estate Transaction Proceeds	1099-S	✓
L	IRA Contribution	5498	✓
A	Miscellaneous Income	1099-Misc	✓
D	Original Issue Discount	1099-OID	✓
7	Taxable Distributions Received from Cooperatives	1099-PATR	✓
W	Gambling Winnings	W2G	✓

The IEVS-Applicant enhancements increase overall detection capability that enhance program integrity activities. DHCS modified the IEVS-Applicant Inquiry Screens and IEVS-Applicant reports to include expanded fields to display larger dollar amounts, as well as the addition of a field to display the earning type. DHCS anticipates the inclusion of new earning types in IEVS-Applicant will assist eligibility workers in detecting and preventing affluent and other high net-worth individuals from participating in Medi-Cal, thereby improving Medi-Cal payment accuracy.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Ms. Amy Rosenkranz at (916) 322-4356, or by email at Amy.Rosenkranz@dhcs.ca.gov.

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