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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 11-06 ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: NEW AID CODE IDENTIFYING CHILDREN IN THE FEDERAL CASH PAYMENT KIN-GAP PROGRAM (Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter Numbers: 86-68, 00-22)

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to inform counties about the new 4T aid code for a new Title IV-E Kinship Guardian Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) program starting January 1, 2011. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is implementing the Title IV-E Kin-GAP program, enacted by Assembly Bill 12 (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010), via an All County Letter 11-15 that contains specific instructions to the counties on determining eligibility for the program.

Transition of Federal Kin-GAP Eligible Beneficiaries to Aid Code 4T

CDSS has instructed counties that beginning January 1, 2011, new and existing Kin-GAP cases determined federally eligible for the federally-funded Kin-GAP program will be placed into aid code 4T. New Kin-GAP cases, which are not federally eligible, will be placed into aid code 4G. Existing Kin-GAP cases, coded to either aid codes 4F or 4G, will remain in 4F and 4G until moved into the appropriate aid code upon assessment for eligibility in the new State or federally-funded Kin-GAP Program. Aid code 4G will be used for State-only

Kin-GAP cases with a Permanent Residence Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) immigration status, as is currently done and State-only cases extended beyond age 18 due to a disability. Aid codes 4F and 4G will be addressed in detail in a subsequent CDSS County Fiscal Letter.

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Medi-Cal Program

Children placed into the new federal Kin-GAP program in aid code 4T are categorically eligible for full scope, no share-of-cost Medi-Cal with Title IV-E Kin-GAP payments, and the Medi-Cal funding for 4T cases is a 50/50 Federal Title XIX/State General Fund split.

Managed Care Plan Enrollment

Aid code 4T has voluntary managed care enrollment status in Two-Plan Model and Geographic Managed Care counties. Those beneficiaries residing in a County Organized Health Systems (COHS) county will continue to access health care services through the COHS delivery system.

If you have questions regarding Kin-GAP/Medi-Cal, please contact Rose Pankratz at (916) 650-0140 or by e-mail at <u>rose.pankratz@dhcs.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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