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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 17-15
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECTS: Modified Adjusted Gross Income Eligibility, Including the Optional Targeted Low-Income Children's Coverage Group and Participation in the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for the Developmentally Disabled

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to inform counties that individuals eligible under any of the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility Coverage Groups, including the Optional Targeted Low-Income Children's Program (OTLICP), have access to the Home and Community Based Services Waiver for the Developmentally Disabled (DD Waiver) without a change in aid code. (There is no institutional deeming under MAGI and therefore, no change to 6V or 6W is appropriate.)

There is no upper age limit for participation in the DD Waiver. Approval of the State Plan Amendment 13-005 that authorizes the OTLICP under Title XIX (Medicaid) allows for the inclusion of the OTLICP under the DD Waiver if a child meets the waiver eligibility criteria.

Please note that children who are eligible for the OTLICP are immediately federally eligible on the first of each month. This is because any premiums under the OTLICP are different from a share of cost (SOC) under the Medically Needy (MN) Program. A SOC under the MN Program requires that a beneficiary incur specified expenses for medically necessary services each month in order to be entitled to receive Medi-Cal benefits for the remainder of the month.

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