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E-BLAST

TO: IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL AID CODE REFERRALS

REFERENCE: E-BLAST 09-09; IM-2008-03

The purpose of this communication is to inform all IV-D Directors of current activity undertaken by the Department of Child Support Service (DCSS) regarding Medi-Cal referable aid codes. As communicated in DCSS E-BLAST 09-09 and the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Information Memorandum (IM) 2008-03, a child-only Medi-Cal case in which the custodial party is not receiving Medi-Cal and in which there is no assignment of medical support or requirement that the custodial party cooperate with the child support program is an inappropriate referral to the IV-D program.

IM 2008-03 also advises IV-D agencies and Medicaid agencies to coordinate their efforts in determining criteria for referring appropriate cases. To that end, DCSS has initiated communication with the Department of Health Care Services on this issue and will continue to engage our state agency partner in evaluating our shared criteria. Additionally, DCSS has determined, on an interim basis, to designate all Medi-Cal aid codes as "non referable" to the IV-D program. Effective immediately, DCSS is instructing all LCSAs to stop working Service Requests and Public Assistance Transaction Errors associated with Medi-Cal program aid codes.

The exact criteria are:

- Stop working any Medi-CAL Service Requests
  - Type = Public Assistance
  - Status = Pending
  - Date Received (CSE) or Date Reported (SRTool) = all/any dates
  - Task ID: all/any (CM114, Cm119, CM120, CM121, CM122)
  - Program = MediCAL
- Stop working all Overlapping Aid Dates (OVP) -10 errors
  - OVP-10 indicates an aid history update error that occurred when both the existing and new aid code is MediCAL

All other OVP codes are still viable, even if they reference Medi-Cal aid codes because the new update may either be discontinuing or starting cash program assistance (CalWORKs, Foster Care, KinGAP)

DCSS' multiple-step plan includes the following targeted milestones:

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- **Immediately** - Request LCSAs to stop working Service Requests under the Medi-Cal program and OVP-10 errors written to the Public Assistance Transaction Error List.
- **January 12, 2010** – Host a web cast with all LCSA representatives to walk through details of this interim effort (BP Dan Green will present).
- **January 14, 2010** – Host a follow up web cast with all LCSA representatives to discuss impacts and process for “Going Forward” (includes soliciting LCSA representatives to participate in analysis).
- **January 17, 2010** - With CSE Release 3.4.0, modify CSE data and processes to automatically mark existing aid history as well as new incoming Medi- Cal referrals and updates as “non-referable.”
- **Early February 2010** - Re-process existing Service Requests to evaluate referrals and updates under the new Medi- Cal aid code guidance.
- **Long Term:** DCSS will continue working with Department of Health Care Services to clarify aid code referral status and associated supporting interface operations.

Please share this information with interested or impacted staff. Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Cindi Pocaroba at (916) 464-4887.

Sincerely,

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