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TO: CHDP Providers

FROM: Joseph Duke, M.D., Director
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SUBJECT: CHDP PROVIDER UPDATE #02-13

I. CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No. 12-08

CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No. 12-08 concerns the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and resources for use of the World Health Organization (WHO) growth charts for children from birth to 24 months of age as well as changes in the California Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program to transition to the new growth charts.

In conformance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requirements, local WIC programs began implementation of the WHO growth standards in growth chart data information systems and nutrition education services on October 1, 2012. CHDP providers are requested to initiate use of the WHO growth charts at this time. By November 30, 2013, all CHDP providers must integrate use of the WHO growth charts for CHDP examinations.

Please note that use of the WHO growth charts for infants and children up to 24 months will require training of health-care providers and others who measure and assess child growth. A state-approved training, offered by the Los Angeles County (LAC) CHDP program, focuses on interpreting growth using the WHO growth charts, and understanding the differences between the CDC and WHO growth charts. WHO Growth Chart Training registration forms are available on the LAC CHDP website at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/CHDP.htm>.

II. Notification: Revision of Facility Review & Medical Record Audit Tools

The CHDP Facility Review Tool (DHCS 4493) and the Medical Record Review Tool (DHCS 4492) are utilized by the local CHDP program staff to perform an on-site review of an applicant or enrolled provider's service site(s) to assure that a minimum standard is maintained in the delivery of quality care. All CHDP service sites are required to have an initial site inspection completed by the local CHDP program and may have subsequent periodic site inspections. Both revised and approved tools will be utilized during site reviews and are posted on the California Children's Medical Services website on the Publications list.

III. Resource: CHDP Website

We have launched our new CHDP website as a source of health education and program information for providers and families. Providers may access updated health education, dental, and nutrition materials. There is also a new link to numerous Obesity and Physical Activity programs for youth throughout LA County. Our registration forms for Audiometric Screening Training and the WHO Growth Chart Training can now be completed online and submitted by fax. To visit our new website, go to <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/CHDP.htm>

IV. Resource: Medi-Cal Incentives to Quit Smoking Project

The Medi-Cal Incentives to Quit Smoking (MIQS) Project seeks to motivate Medi-Cal members to quit smoking by offering a \$20 gift card to members who call the California Smokers' Helpline and enroll in its free telephone-based support services. All Medi-Cal members who smoke are eligible. To receive the \$20 gift card the patient must be a current Medi-Cal member, have a Beneficiary Identification Card number, ask for the gift card and complete the first counseling session. For more information about the MIQS Project, visit their website at: www.caldiabetes.org

Please share the information in this Provider Update with your staff. Provider Information Notices can be found on the website at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp>.

If you have any questions about this Provider Update, please contact your Regional Office.