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TO: CHDP Providers

FROM: Alan Tomines, M.D., Director
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SUBJECT: **CHDP PROVIDER UPDATE #04:13**

I. Reminder: CHDP Physician Provider Minimum Requirements

All CHDP physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants are expected to meet the minimum requirements applicable to their respective disciplines (per the guidance in the Provider Enrollment section of the CHDP Provider Manual, 2003). Specifically,

- Physicians must meet the Physician Provider Minimum Requirements, and the scope of CHDP practice for internists will be limited to ages 14 years and older (Page 3, Provider Enrollment chapter, 2003 CHDP Provider Manual, updated June 2007);
- Independent nurse practitioners must meet the Independent Nurse Practitioner Requirements (Page 4, Provider Enrollment chapter, 2003 CHDP Provider Manual, updated June 2007);
- Non-independent nurse practitioners and physician assistants must meet the applicable Non-Physician Medical Practitioner Qualifications (Pages 4-5, Provider Enrollment chapter, 2003 CHDP Provider Manual, updated June 2007).

PHYSICIAN PROVIDER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, the Physician Provider Minimum Requirements for CHDP include:

- Holding an unrestricted California physician and surgeon license issued by the licensing section of the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California; AND
- Enrollment as an active Medi-Cal provider; AND
- Board certification in pediatrics, family practice, or internal medicine.
 - In lieu of board certification in pediatrics, family practice, or internal medicine, the physician must be an active candidate for the certifying examination, or present other evidence that establishes current board eligibility. Please contact the appropriate medical specialty board (e.g., American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Family Medicine, or American Board of Internal Medicine) to determine current board eligibility.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHDP PHYSICIAN ELIGIBILITY

The CHDP Physician Provider Minimum Requirements are intended to promote a high standard of care for children and youth receiving CHDP services. However, although these requirements have been in place for more than 10 years, more than one-sixth of the CHDP physicians in Los Angeles County (LAC) do not meet these minimum requirements.

Beginning April 1, 2014, LAC CHDP physicians will be afforded a two-year grace period to meet CHDP Physician Provider Minimum Requirements. By April 1, 2016 LAC CHDP physicians who do not meet these requirements will be subject to disenrollment from the CHDP program.

ENFORCEMENT OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

Per the CHDP Provider Manual, the scope of CHDP practice for internal medicine physicians is limited to children and youth ages 14 years and older. Effective April 1, 2014, the LAC CHDP Program will also be limiting the scope of CHDP practice for general practitioners (those physicians that are not board-certified or board-eligible in pediatrics, family medicine, or internal medicine) to children and youth ages 14 years and older. The LAC CHDP Program will conduct periodic audits of submitted Confidential Screening/Billing Report (PM 160) forms, to ensure CHDP provider compliance with age restrictions.

II. Notification: New Phone Number for CHDP Gateway Application Assistance

Per the December 2013 Medi-Cal Update (Bulletin 110), effective January 1, 2014, the 1-800-880-5305 assistance phone number referenced in Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway Internet transaction response messages will no longer be used for Medi-Cal application inquiries.

Beginning January 1, 2014, CHDP Gateway applicants should contact Covered California at 1-800-300-1506 for application assistance.

For more information, view the CHDP Gateway to Health Coverage Bulletin at: http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_22085.asp

III. Notification: CHDP Pre-Enrollment Application has been Updated

Per the October 22, 2013 Medi-Cal NewsFlash, the CHDP Program Pre-Enrollment Application (DHCS 4073, English) has been updated to remove Healthy Families, as Healthy Families is no longer enrolling children. The application has also been updated to include premium assistance programs under Covered California. The updated application is currently available in English and will be available in other languages soon.

The updated application and languages other than English are available on the Los Angeles County CHDP website at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/CHDP.htm>.

IV. Reminder: Supplemental Application

Providers must submit changes of information to the local CHDP program within **30 days of the change** (CHDP Provider Manual 2003, Provider Enrollment chapter). Changes must be reported by submitting a Supplemental Application. Some of these changes include:

- Change of address;
- Addition of sites of service;
- Use of temporary location or mobile van unit;
- Changes in Medi-Cal or Federal Tax Identification Number; and
- Addition or deletion of rendering providers.

A CHDP Health Assessment Provider Application (DHCS 4490) and a CHDP Health Assessment Provider Program Agreement (DHCS 4491) must also be completed when requesting to change the Provider Applicant, NPI Provider Number, and/or the Legal Name as listed with Medi-Cal.

When requesting a Provider Applicant change, the Supplemental Application should be signed by the current Provider Applicant--the individual who signed most recently submitted DHCS 4490/4491. If the current Provider Applicant is unavailable for signature, please provide an explanation in Section IV. In order to process the Provider Applicant change, the new Provider Applicant shall sign the DHCS 4490/4491.

All of the above mentioned forms are available on the Los Angeles County CHDP website at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/CHDP.htm>.

Incomplete applications will be returned.

V. Resource: CHDP Website

Visit the CHDP website at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/CHDP.htm> for information and forms to support your practice. The materials and resources listed below highlight the information available, as well as quick links to several Los Angeles County child health organizations.

Commonly Used Forms/Brochures (for office use)

- CHDP Health Assessment Provider Application (DHCS 4490)
- CHDP Health Assessment Provider Program Agreement (DHCS 4491)
- CHDP Supplemental Application
- Confidential/Referral Follow-Up Report (PM161 LAC)
- Pediatric TB Risk Assessment Questionnaire
- What Does Your Child Eat?
- Measuring Weight/Length/Stature
- CHDP School Handbook (PUB 108)
- CHDP Materials Order Form

Commonly Used Forms/Brochures (for patients)

- Gateway Post-Visit Flyer - *By CHDP region*
- Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure (PUB 813) - *Spanish only*
- Parents to Be (PUB 801) - *Spanish only*
- Growing Up Healthy Series
- Oral Health
- Asthma
- Cholesterol
- Chronic Diseases
- Flu Vaccine
- Lead
- Whooping Cough
- Nutrition

Links to Child Health Organizations

- 211 LA County
- Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition)
- California WIC (Women, Infants, & Children)
- CANFIT (Communities, Adolescents, Nutrition, Fitness)
- Champions for Change (Recipes and tips on nutrition and physical activity)
- First 5 LA (Health and development of children from birth to age 5)
- Head Start (Federal program that provides education, nutrition, and health)
- Healthy Children (Child's health and development, including oral health)
- State of CA Office of the Patient Advocate (Health insurance plans, provider ratings, language services, and patient rights)

Additional Resources

- CHDP Health Assessment Guidelines
- Obesity Prevention and Treatment Programs for Youth
- Physical Activity Programs for Youth
- Developmental Disability Resources

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.

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