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TO: CHDP Providers

FROM: Alan Tomines, M.D., Director  
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SUBJECT: **CHDP PROVIDER UPDATE #01:16**

**I. Senate Bill (SB) 75: Full Scope Medi-Cal Coverage for All Children**

In June 2015, Senate Bill (SB) 75 was passed. SB 75 extended eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to all children under 19 years of age, regardless of their immigration status, as long as they meet income and other eligibility requirements.

SB 75 was implemented on May 15, 2016:

- Children who were already on restricted-scope Medi-Cal as of May 15, 2016 will automatically be transitioned to full-scope Medi-Cal, with benefits retroactive to May 1, 2016.
- Children without insurance may continue to receive temporary Medi-Cal via the CHDP Gateway, subject to the presumptive eligibility limitation. Please encourage patients enrolling via the CHDP Gateway to complete their Medi-Cal application.

Once enrolled in full-scope Medi-Cal, beneficiaries will have a choice of managed care plans: please let patients' families know which plans your practice accepts, so that they may select a plan that will allow them to keep you as their provider.

More information about SB 75 can be found in the "What's New in CHDP" section on our website (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/chdp.htm>).

## **II. Update: CHDP Gateway Presumptive Eligibility Limitation**

The December 14, 2015 Medi-Cal News Flash provides information on the CHDP Gateway presumptive eligibility limitation. Click [here](#) for more information.

Please note that the LA Care Healthy Kids program and the My Health LA program have both closed to new enrollment, and are no longer available as care alternatives for children who have exceeded the presumptive eligibility limit.

## **III. Exide**

Operations at the Exide battery recycling plant in Vernon have resulted in the release of harmful levels of lead and arsenic into the environment. Free and confidential blood lead screening is available to patients through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. For more information, families may call (844) 888-2290 or go to (<http://www.bloodleadtesting.com/>).

## **IV. Reminder: Oral Health Assessment/Referrals**

A dental screening and oral health assessment is required at every CHDP health assessment. Every child should be referred to a dentist at least annually starting at one year of age; if a problem is suspected or detected, a child may be referred at any age. A list of CHDP Dental Providers can be found in the "Provider Resources" section on our website (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/chdp.htm>).

As a reminder, the CHDP Program has developed an Oral Health Assessment and Referral training that your office may use. This resource is available at (<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/CHDPDentalTraining.aspx>). Although the training is designed for self-study, the CHDP Program is also available to train your office on Oral Health Assessment and Referral. Feel free to contact the CHDP program at ([CHDPNews@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:CHDPNews@ph.lacounty.gov)).

## **V. Training: Fluoride Varnish**

A University of Southern California study in 2011 revealed that nearly three out of four underprivileged children in Los Angeles County has untreated dental caries. Fluoride varnish is effective at preventing or reducing caries in the primary teeth of young children.

Although fluoride varnish is not a benefit of the CHDP program, it is available as a benefit to children 6 years and under with fee-for-service Medi-Cal. Fluoride varnish application may be reimbursed by Medi-Cal at a rate of \$18.00, up to three times in a 12-month period. Please refer to CHDP Provider Information Notice No. 06-08 (<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Documents/Letters/chdppin0608.pdf>) for more information regarding billing for fluoride varnish application.

Some Medi-Cal managed care plans may also offer this benefit; CHDP providers should contact the managed care plan for questions regarding reimbursement.

The CHDP Program has developed a Fluoride Varnish training that your office may use. This resource is available at

(<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/FluorideVarnish.aspx>). Although the training is designed for self-study, the CHDP Program is also available to assist with training your staff. Feel free to contact the CHDP Health Education unit at ([CHDPNews@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:CHDPNews@ph.lacounty.gov)) for more information.

## **VI. Screening Reminder: Developmental Assessment**

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends surveillance for children at risk for developmental delay at every well-child preventive care visit. The AAP recommends screening with a standardized tool during well-child visits at 9, 18, and then at 24 or 30 months, as well as when identifying or refining issues of concern at any age. Additionally, autism-specific screening is recommended for all children at the 18 and 24 month visits.

The use of developmental screening tools is reimbursable through fee-for-service Medi-Cal at a rate of \$54.90, limited to one unit per day for each child; the provider must submit a copy of the screening report, including the summary, along with the appropriate Medi-Cal claim form to be reimbursed. Reimbursement is not available for children who are only eligible for state-funded CHDP health assessments. Please refer to:

CHDP Provider Information Notice No. 09-14

(<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Documents/Letters/chdppin0914.pdf>) for more information.

Some Medi-Cal managed care plans may also offer this benefit; CHDP providers should contact the managed care plan for questions regarding reimbursement.

The CHDP Program does not currently offer in-person training on the use of developmental screening tools. However, if you would be interested in CHDP providing training on these tools, please contact CHDP Health Education at ([CHDPNews@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:CHDPNews@ph.lacounty.gov)).

## **VII. Reminder: Regional Center Referrals**

Regional centers serve people of all ages with developmental disabilities—including cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and intellectual disability or similar conditions.

Infants and toddlers (age 0 to 36 months) who are at risk of having developmental disabilities or who have developmental delay may be eligible for services through regional centers; in addition, individuals at risk of having a child with a developmental disability may be eligible for genetic diagnosis, counseling and other prevention services.

To be eligible for services, a person must have a disability that **begins before the person's 18th birthday**. Eligibility is established through diagnosis and assessment performed by regional centers; please consider referring children with developmental disabilities or delay to a regional center, regardless of age.

There are seven regional centers in Los Angeles County: The California Department of Developmental Services provides a web-based search for regional centers by ZIP code at (<http://www.dds.ca.gov/RC/regionMap.cfm?view=laCounty>).

#### **VIII. Free Summer Food Programs**

Although school may not be in session during the summer, children may continue to receive nutritious lunches through two important programs:

- The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks will be offering free lunches to children and teens ages 1 through 18 at over 100 parks from June 13, 2016 until August 12, 2016. A list of participating sites may be found [here](#).
- The USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will also be providing free meals to children 18 years and under. An interactive map displaying participating sites can be found [here](#).

Links to information about both of these programs can be found in the “What’s New in CHDP” section on our website (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/chdp.htm>).

#### **IX. Notification: CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No. 16-01**

CHDP PIN 16-01 informs providers about the addition of two new CHDP Program Meningococcal serogroup B (Men B) vaccines and the new additional Program Procedure Codes, for meningococcal recombinant protein and outer membrane vesicle vaccine, Bexsero®, CPT Code 90620 (2-dose schedule) and meningococcal recombinant lipoprotein vaccine, Trumenba®, CPT Code 90621 (3-dose schedule). Click [here](#) for details.

#### **X. Notification: CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No.15-05**

CHDP PIN 15-05 informs providers that, in addition to CHDP code 76 for the routine VFC administration free for HPV4, CHDP has also changed the gender indicator to “both” for CHDP local codes 77 and 78 to permit reimbursement to providers who administer this Non- VFC vaccine to males aged 19 years to 20 years through 11 months. Click [here](#) for details.

**XI. Notification: Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)**

Vaccine Information Statements are available for the following vaccines:

- Multiple Vaccines (DTaP, Hib, Hepatitis B, Polio, and PCV13), click [here](#) for details.
- Pneumococcal Conjugate PVC13, click [here](#) for details.

**XII. Notification: Children with Neurologic Conditions At High-Risk for Flu Complications**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health urge health care providers to strongly recommend flu vaccine to everyone 6 months of age and older, especially children with neurologic conditions and their contacts. For more information, click [here](#).

**XIII. Notification: Temporary Exemption from the Mercury-Free Act- Use of influenza vaccine in children younger than 3 years of age**

Since 2006, California law [Health and Safety Code Section 124172 subdivision (a)] has stated that vaccines containing specific levels of mercury cannot be administered to pregnant women and young children, except under certain circumstances. Because of the dangers posed by the seasonal influenza epidemic, and because there are currently insufficient supplies of thimerosal-free influenza vaccine that have levels of mercury below the state legal limits, the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency has granted a temporary exemption to this restriction for 2015-2016 seasonal influenza vaccine administered to children younger than 3 years old for the period of October 9, 2015 - December 31, 2015, to be used as needed based on vaccine availability. Click [here](#) for details.

**XIV. Notification: Assistance with Billing and Reimbursement Issues**

For assistance with billing and reimbursement issues, providers may contact the Telephone Service Center (TSC) POS/Internet Help Desk at 1-800-541-5555 from 6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Providers may also schedule a custom billing workshop at the provider's office, at no charge, by contacting their Regional Representatives in one of the following ways:

- Call Medi-Cal at 1-800-541-5555 and request to be contacted by a representative;
- Use the Lookup Regional Representative tool on the MLP to contact the field representative for their area. To find the Regional Representative assigned to your area, click [here](#).

**XV. Resource: CHDP Website - Recently Updated**

Please take a few moments to navigate through our updated [website](#). Have a look at our new resources, such as:

- [Conference presentations and web-based trainings](#)
- [Monthly Calendar of Free Community Events](#)
- [On-going Free/Low Cost Services for Caregivers and Kids](#)
- [Free Community-Based Services](#)

**XVI. 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.

**XVII. Notification: Recent Medi-Cal News Flashes**

May 25, 2016, New Benefits Identification Card Design Coming Soon, click [here](#) for details.

May 19, 2016, July 2016 Medi-Cal Provider Seminar, click [here](#) for details.

May 5, 2016, Filing Period Extended for CHDP ACA Balance Due Requests, click [here](#) for details.

May 5, 2016, POS Device Update Underway for HIPAA ASC X12N v.5010A1 Compliance, click [here](#) for details.

April 29, 2016, Provider Manual Survey Now Available, click [here](#) for details.

April 21, 2016, PAVE Upcoming Activities, click [here](#) for details.

April 12, 2016, Upcoming June 2016 Medi-Cal Webinars, click [here](#) for details.

March 25, 2016, ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Corrections for Vision Care, click [here](#) for details.

March 8, 2016, Important News: 2016 Medi-Cal Provider Seminar Registration, click [here](#) for details.

March 3, 2016, Provider Manual Indexes Survey, click [here](#) for details.

February 26, 2016, New CHDP Benefits: Meningococcal B Vaccines, click [here](#) for details.

February 8, 2016, Update to VeriFone VX 520 POS Device User Guide, click [here](#) for details.

January 29, 2016, CHDP: Incorrect Rates Removed for MenB Vaccines, click [here](#) for details.

January 27, 2016, CA-MMIS Health Enterprise: Release Update, click [here](#) for details.

January 25, 2016, Provider Training Workbooks Available on Medi-Cal Website, click [here](#) for details.

January 4, 2016, Updated '2014 – 2015 Certification of Compliance', click [here](#) for details.

**XVIII. Notification: CHDP Gateway to Health Coverage Bulletins**

May 2016, Bulletin 139, click [here](#) for details.

April 2016, Bulletin 138, click [here](#) for details.

March 2016, Bulletin 137, click [here](#) for details.

February 2016, Bulletin 136, click [here](#) for details.

January 2016, Bulletin 135, click [here](#) for details.