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TO: MATERNAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (MCAH)
DIRECTORS
ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM (AFLP)
DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: REVISION TO THE ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM (AFLP)
PARTICIPATION CRITERIA; DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED RISK
ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND PROTOCOLS
PROGRAM POLICY ALERT LETTER FY#2010/11-04

The purpose of this Program Policy Alert Letter is to inform you of a change to the length of participation in the AFLP. Effective March 1, 2011, clients may participate in the program until they reach their 19th birthday and have received 24 months of service, regardless of the age of the index child. Waiver requests are still required to enroll pregnant and/or parenting adolescents age 19 years or older.

The California Department of Public Health's (CDPH), Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division strives to support the AFLP with data driven policy and to base policy decisions on available evidence. MCAH/AFLP is establishing a workgroup to develop and improve standardized risk assessment tools and protocols for assessment of client risk and their readiness to graduate from the AFLP. If interested in participating in this workgroup, please contact Kathy Sanchez at 916-650-0369 or kathy.sanchez@cdph.ca.gov. Once identified, the AFLP Scope of Work will be revised to require the implementation of these tools and protocols.

This policy supersedes all policy alerts regarding length of participation in AFLP. A revised waiver form is attached for your convenience. The policy letter with the attached revised waiver form will be posted on the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aflp/Pages/AFLPProgramPolicyAlerts.aspx>

We look forward to working collaboratively with our AFLP partners to implement these changes.

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your Nurse or Program Consultant.
Thank you your continued commitment and efforts on behalf of the AFLP population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les Newman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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