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Management Memorandum
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TO: ADAP ENROLLMENT WORKERS

SUBJECT: UPDATED POLICY REGARDING CREDITABLE COVERAGE LETTER REQUIREMENT

The purpose of this memo is to inform ADAP enrollment workers that effective April 5, 2016, a Creditable Coverage letter is no longer required for ADAP clients who are Medicare eligible and choose to keep private health insurance. The purpose of the Creditable Coverage letter was to document that the client's private insurance prescription benefit was equal to or better than Medicare Part D coverage.

Due to the Affordable Care Act, California health plans, both inside and outside of the Covered California Marketplace, offer essential health benefits which includes access to medically necessary prescription drugs. Therefore, a Creditable Coverage letter is no longer necessary.

In the Ramsell system, the Medicare Waiver end date will reflect the next annual eligibility end date for clients who are Medicare eligible and choose to keep their private health insurance. The Ramsell Customer Service Representatives will edit this date as they are screening for prescription coverage when a client is flagged as Medicare eligible.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact your [ADAP Advisor](#).

Thank you,

Niki Dhillon, ADAP Branch Chief
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cc: ADAP Coordinators