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TO: ADAP COORDINATORS AND ADAP ENROLLMENT WORKERS

SUBJECT: INTERIM PROCESS FOR REPORTING ADAP CLIENTS WHO BECOME ENROLLED IN THE LOW INCOME HEALTH PROGRAM

As you may be aware, the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) is the new Medicaid-based program that California is using to expand public insurance coverage as it prepares for federal healthcare reform and expansion in 2014. The California LIHP expansion will be locally run, with each of the participating counties offering benefits to new populations with qualifying incomes of up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), with each county establishing its own qualifying FPL. Local LIHPs are or will be using a network of pharmacies, community health centers, hospitals, community physicians, and mental health providers to provide health care services to these previously uninsured adults.

LIHP is being implemented in phases, county by county, beginning with the initial ten counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Ventura) that originally piloted the program, also known as the Legacy Counties. **It is important that you determine when your particular county has/will implement(ed) LIHP and when screening of Ryan White Part B clients for LIHP eligibility is to begin.**

As ADAP clients begin enrolling in LIHP, whether through ADAP or any Ryan White care services, **be aware that once such individuals are enrolled in LIHP they are no longer eligible for ADAP services.** Clients that have applied to LIHP, but are awaiting a final LIHP eligibility determination can remain in ADAP until they actually become enrolled in LIHP.

To assure ADAP is the payer of last resort, as federally mandated, it is critical that ADAP Enrollment Workers (EWs) notify Ramsell Public Health Rx (the ADAP statewide pharmacy benefits manager) when they become aware that an ADAP client is enrolled in LIHP. As an interim process, and until further notice, ADAP EWs are to use the Client Update Form (enclosed) to notify Ramsell that a client has been enrolled in LIHP. The form can be either faxed to Ramsell or completed and submitted electronically through the Ramsell website. ADAP EWs are to complete the Client Update Form as follows:

Section 1 – Client Information

- Enter Date, EW ID Code, Client Name, Social Security Number and Date of Birth
- Select **Terminate eligibility as of** _____; (enter the **date** the client was enrolled in LIHP).
- Enter **Reason** as “**Client enrolled in LIHP.**”

With your help, the ADAP Client Eligibility Database will be more accurately updated; terminating the client’s eligibility and ensuring ADAP is the payer of last resort.

ADAP is exploring options beyond this methodology for identifying ADAP clients who have enrolled in LIHP, including allowing the ADAP enrollment sites or the local ADAP Coordinator to provide us with an electronic spreadsheet listing of LIHP clients. However, until such time as a new process is established, the Client Update Form is to be used.

If you have any questions regarding this process or would like to discuss the feasibility of providing an electronic listing of LIHP clients, please contact your ADAP coordinator: Rosalind Baker at (916) 440-7943; Kelly Cleveland at (916) 449-5949; Debbie Kalhor at (916) 319-9616; Maria Sevilla at (916) 319-9623; Tasha Sosa at (916) 449-5948; or Irene Wong at (916) 449-5799.



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