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TO: MCAH DIRECTORS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: UPDATE REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING PROGRAM

On February 8, 2011 the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) released the Federal Supplemental Information Request (SIR) which serves as the guidance for submission of an Updated State Plan for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. The Updated State Plan for the Home Visiting Program is due to HRSA between May 9, 2011 and June 8, 2011.

California Department of Public Health/Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (CDPH/MCAH) strongly encourages MCAH Directors to review the Federal SIR immediately: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/manage/homevisiting/sir02082011.pdf>

A critical component of the Federal SIR is the Identification of the State's Targeted At-Risk Communities in California. To assist in the identification of at-risk communities, CDPH/MCAH will issue a California Home Visiting Program Request for Supplemental Information (RSI) during early March 2011 to assist with the determination of funding within California.

The RSI will be disseminated to the County Public Health Departments with MCAH Directors as the lead responder; the expected due date will be 4 weeks after its release. CDPH/MCAH highly recommends that all MCAH directors begin discussions and collaborative efforts with their local partners to prepare responses to the RSI as soon as possible. The information gleaned from the RSI will aid in identifying communities in need of home visiting services using a combination of epidemiological data available to CDPH/MCAH, along with qualitative information which will be provided by the counties in response to the RSI.

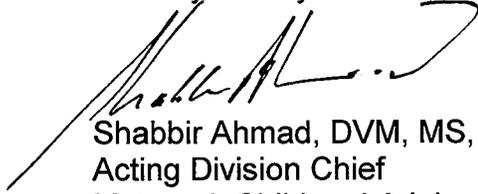
Thank you in advance for your commitment and willingness to participate in the RSI. Working together with our local partners will strengthen the implementation process for home visiting services in California. If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Cima at [laurel.cima@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:laurel.cima@cdph.ca.gov).

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Thank you for your time, effort and support of the California Home Visiting Program.

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