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TO: MCAH DIRECTORS  
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SUBJECT: BIH SCOPE OF WORK AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
REVISIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009  
PROGRAM POLICY ALERT FY #2009/10-03

The purpose of this letter is to describe the changes to the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program Scope of Work (SOW) and Policies and Procedures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010. The Governor's 100 percent elimination of State General Funds (SGF) from BIH, effective July 1, 2009, requires a restructuring of local BIH and State Programs.

The BIH SOW and BIH Policies and Procedures will be revised based upon the updated BIH model. In the interim, the following modifications to FY 2009-2010 BIH SOW and BIH Policies and Procedures, which are posted on the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), MCAH website at, <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/funding/mcah/Pages/PoliciesProceduresFiscalYear2009-2010.aspx> are retroactive to July 1, 2009, and are as follows:

- Each Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) will continue to implement the Prenatal Care Outreach and Care Coordination model. The Case Management, Social Support and Empowerment and Role of Men models **may** be implemented at the discretion of the LHJ.
- MCAH will continue to encourage the BIH Program to serve as many clients as possible, however, a specific identifiable percentage of clients is not in effect at this time.
- The number of data points required for the BIH Management Information System (MIS) will be reduced. A workgroup with representation from CDPH MCAH, University of California – San Francisco, Branagh Information Group, and BIH Coordinators will finalize the list of required data points. Continued collection of the non-required data points is recommended.

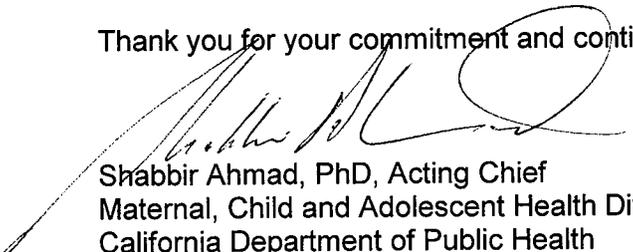
Local BIH program staff reported on the BIH budget must complete Title XIX time studies **only** if the LHJ contributes local agency funds to their BIH budget and staff is claiming Title XIX funding.

The BIH SOW and Policies and Procedures will be revised during this FY, and they will be finalized for FY 2010-2011.

Final BIH allocation tables for FY 2009-10 are enclosed.

We look forward to working with you to implement these changes. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your Nurse Consultant or Contract Manager.

Thank you for your commitment and continued efforts on behalf of the BIH population.



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