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TO: MATERNAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (MCAH) AND CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING PROGRAM (CHVP) DIRECTORS, COORDINATORS AND SUPERVISORS
FOR NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP (NFP) SITES

SUBJECT: DATA SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR EFFORTS-TO-OUTCOMES (ETO) AND PERSIMMONY, POLICY ALERT LETTER #2015/16-01

PURPOSE: This policy alert is intended to clarify the data requirements for CHVP NFP sites that currently utilize Persimmony software in lieu of Solaris (also known as NFP ETO) and for those sites who are pursuing Persimmony software.

BACKGROUND: CHVP receives a nightly copy of the Solaris database through ETO Connect technology. For those sites that use Persimmony, the data are transferred directly into the NFP National Service Office (NSO) data warehouse to be combined with other sites' Solaris data from ETO. This mechanism circumvents CHVP's access to NFP data through ETO Connect. Unlike NFP, CHVP does not have a data warehouse and cannot accept Persimmony data files. Sites that use Persimmony will be required to enter the NFP data collection forms into a mock Solaris site (that mimics NFP's Solaris system) within our CHVP ETO Enterprise. We have been exploring alternative options with Persimmony so that we may obtain the NFP data and none are viable at this time.

ACTION: Effective on this Policy Alert Letter date, sites are required to notify CHVP 90 days prior to the Persimmony "go-live" target date. CHVP will need this time to set-up a mock Solaris site within our ETO Enterprise in order to collect all the NFP data. The mock site will be set to "go-live" when NSO disables Solaris (approximately 2-4 working days) after Persimmony is enabled. Please note that if your site decides to use Persimmony software you will be required to complete double data entry: (1) Data will be entered into Persimmony and will be sent to NFP NSO; and (2) Data will be entered into the mock Solaris site within the CHVP ETO Enterprise. Contact CHVP Data Help CHVPDataHelp@cdph.ca.gov with any questions regarding this policy.

Sincerely,

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