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TO: MCAH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: COLLABORATION WITH MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

The California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (CDPH/MCAH) Division would like to bring your attention to an opportunity to collaborate with Medi-Cal Managed Care (MCMC) Plans in your community to promote access to Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health services. MCAH Division is responsible for overseeing the perinatal system of care in California. The MCAH Division relies on the network of Perinatal Services Coordinators (PSCs), under the direction of local MCAH Directors, to oversee perinatal services in each Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ). MCMC Plans are part of this system.

MCMC Plans are required (by Exhibit A, Attachment 10 of their contract with the State of California) to deliver obstetric care consistent with the most current American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) standards and to implement services comparable to the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) (as defined in Title 22, Section 51348) to their pregnant and postpartum members.

In addition, MCMC Plans are required (by Exhibit A, Attachment 12 of their contract with the State of California) to coordinate maternal, child and other public health services with local health departments. This coordination must be documented in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a contract.

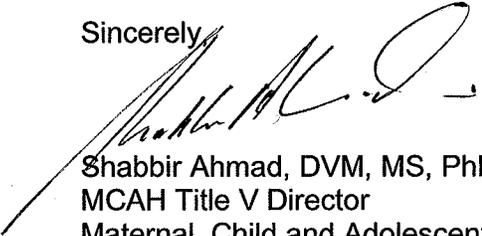
The MCAH Division is working in partnership with the MCMC Division at the Department of Health Care Services to assure that all MCMC enrollees have access to comprehensive perinatal services. As a result of this partnership, the MCMC Division released Policy Letter 12-001 (enclosed) on February 28, 2012, clarifying the contractual responsibilities of MCMC Plans regarding perinatal services and collaboration with local health departments. The MCMC Division has also provided a list of health plan contacts (enclosed) that MCAH Directors or PSCs may use to contact MCMC plan staff.

The MCAH Division recommends that each MCAH Director and/or PSC contact the staff of MCMC plans in their LHJs (see enclosed list), obtain a copy of their MOU or contract, and establish relationships with plan staff responsible for perinatal and other MCAH services. The

MCAH Director and PSC should become familiar with MCMC plans and systems for delivering comprehensive perinatal services; share information with health plan staff regarding MCAH programs; provide technical assistance to assure that enrollees have access to comprehensive perinatal services that meet the requirements of Title 22, Section 51348 and work with the health plans to revise and update the MOU or contract as needed to assure local health department coordination with MCMC plans.

If the MCAH Director and the PSC need assistance establishing relationships with their local managed care plans, or find that plans are not ensuring that their enrollees have access to services as outlined above, please contact your nurse consultant, and the MCAH Division will work with MCMC to facilitate interactions at the local level.

Sincerely,



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