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TO: ADAP COORDINATORS
ADAP ENROLLMENT WORKERS

SUBJECT: IMPORTANT UPDATE - LOW INCOME HEALTH PROGRAM
SCREENING FOR ADAP CLIENTS WITH PRIVATE INSURANCE OR
MEDICARE PART D

The Low Income Health Program (LIHP) is administered by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and established at the county level. LIHPs provide healthcare coverage to adults, 19 to 64 years of age, with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (qualifying income varies by county), legal residents, and not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal.

As the payer of last resort, ADAP must assure that all available payers, including LIHP, are accessed by eligible clients as part of the ADAP enrollment and recertification process. ADAP Enrollment Workers have been instructed to screen for LIHP eligibility and refer LIHP eligible ADAP clients to apply for LIHP.

Due to recent federal guidance, **ADAP has updated the LIHP screening requirement for ADAP applicants with private insurance (with prescription drug coverage) or Medicare Part D** to the following:

LIHP Screening for ADAP Clients WITH Private Insurance or Medicare Part D

ADAP applicants who have private insurance with prescription drug coverage or Medicare Part D *no longer have to be referred to LIHP*. ADAP will continue to cover any prescription co-pays and/or medication deductibles for these clients, whether or not they are co-enrolled in a county LIHP, since county LIHPs cannot cover these costs. ADAP Enrollment Workers must indicate the reason for LIHP non-referral as the applicant "Has another third party payer" and the LIHP non-referral documentation type as "Third party payer ADAP group". An Assignment of Benefits Form must be completed and signed by the client and maintained in the client's eligibility file at the ADAP enrollment site.

For any ADAP clients with private insurance or Medicare Part D who were referred to and enrolled in LIHP and were subsequently dis-enrolled from ADAP, OA will be working with their corresponding ADAP Enrollment Workers and Ramsell Public HealthRx to reactivate their ADAP eligibility.

LIHP Screening for ADAP Clients WITHOUT Private Insurance or Medicare Part D

ADAP applicants for whom ADAP pays the full cost of their medications who may qualify for LIHP must be referred to apply for LIHP (including Medicare beneficiaries who failed to enroll in a Part D plan). ADAP Enrollment Workers who do not refer an ADAP applicant to apply for LIHP must indicate the reason for the LIHP non-referral as "Exceeds FPL for County," "Enrollment cap [County waiting list]," "Ineligible immigrant [documentation not required]," or "Other". In addition, ADAP Enrollment Workers must obtain proof substantiating the non-referral reason and maintain in the client eligibility file.

Questions Regarding LIHP Screening

If you have questions regarding the LIHP screening section of the ADAP application, please contact Ramsell Public HealthRx at 888-311-7632.

County Questions Regarding LIHP

If you have questions regarding your county's LIHP, please contact your local LIHP Coordinator (contact information is located on the DHCS website at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/LIHP/LIHPConsCntcts62812.pdf>) or

your local ADAP Coordinator (contact information is located on the OA website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Documents/ADAPCoordinators.pdf>).

If you cannot resolve your LIHP questions at the local level, please contact your OA ADAP Coordinators: Rosalind Baker at (916) 440-7943; Kelly Cleveland at (916) 449-5949; Debbie Kalhor at (916) 319-9616; Tasha Sosa at (916) 449-5948; or Irene Wong at (916) 449-5799.



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