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

SUBJECT: MCAH/CHVP SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION DUE DATE FOR REPORTING PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2013, CHVP/NFP TRAINING REQUIREMENT AND DYADIC ASSESSMENT OF NATURALISTIC CAREGIVER-CHILD EXPERIENCES (DANCE) IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENT, CHVP PROGRAM POLICY ALERT LETTER # 2012/13-05

### Purpose

This letter informs Local Health Jurisdiction sites of the following: A change in the submission due date of the MCAH/CHVP Semi-Annual Report as indicated in MCAH/CHVP Scope of Work (SOW) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13; requirement to attend the Maternal Mental Health training offered by Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training (NCAST) indicated in MCAH/CHVP SOW FY 2013-14 Objective 1.3; and, a change in requirement of the Dyadic Measure Assessment Tool defined by NFP and indicated in MCAH/CHVP SOW FY 13-14 Objective 1.3.

### Action

Following actions define the requirements indicated in the SOW:

1. Submission due date of the CHVP Semi-Annual Report for Reporting Period January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013

The requirement to submit the MCAH/CHVP Semi-Annual Report is modified from the original date of July 31, 2013 to **August 15, 2013**.

2. Requirement to attend the Maternal Mental Health training offered by NCAST

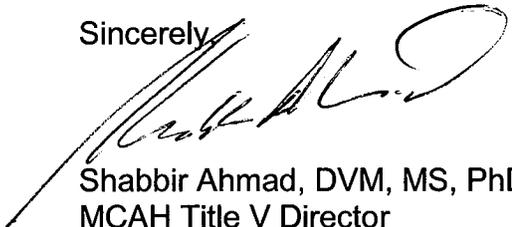
Staff representation is required from each MCAH/CHVP site to attend the Maternal Mental Health training offered by NCAST. Sites are advised to practice discretion in determining the number of home visiting staff to participate in training based on the projected training budget for FY 2013-2014. Participating staff must be able to share the training information in their respective sites.

3. A change in requirement of the Dyadic Measure Assessment Tool, defined by NFP NSO

The NFP nurses are required to receive training and become proficient in using the DANCE. This assessment tool takes the place of the NCAST Feeding and Teaching scales previously required by NFP and MCAH/CHVP. The inclusion of DANCE is part of the FY 2013-14 CHVP SOW Intervention Activities 1.3.1 stated as *"Local Health Jurisdiction site shall ensure that home visiting staff is trained in appropriate curricula, assessment tools and other items as needed."* to meet MCAH/CHVP SOW Objective 1.3.

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