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TO: MCAH and BIH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION TABLES AND ADJUSTED SCOPES OF WORK

As you are all aware, the Governor signed the California 2009-10 State Budget on July 28, 2009. The final budget eliminated all State General Funds (SGF) from the Local Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH), Black Infant Health (BIH) Program, and the Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP). The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) began immediate discussions with local MCAH Directors and stakeholders to assess how best to address each program's minimum basic fiscal needs as well as adjustments to Scopes of Work (SOW), based on the reduced funding levels.

Enclosed, along with the revised Allocation Tables, are Program Policy Alert letters for the Local MCAH (#2009/10-01) and BIH programs (#2009/10-03), as well as a memo which clarifies the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) program mandates. While the SOWs and the Policies and Procedures for Local MCAH and BIH programs will be revised and amended throughout FY 2009-10, the revisions in the enclosed letters reflect the immediate need for interim adjustments to program requirements as a result of the elimination of the SGF.

We apologize for the delays in publishing the revised allocation tables. We were required to have approval for the release of our allocation plans from the State Administration and Control Agencies.

The allocation funding changes are summarized below:

MCAH – FY 2009-10 Allocation Table Updates

The smallest 15 counties have historically received nominal SGF supplemental allocations to provide basic services. In order to provide the smallest 15 counties with a minimum funding level to maintain a local MCAH infrastructure, those counties will receive a base allocation of \$63,000, which includes a \$3,000 allocation for the SIDS Program.

Based on our analysis of the minimal staffing levels needed to operate an MCAH program, the other counties will receive a minimum base allocation of \$88,000, which includes a \$3,000 allocation for the SIDS Program.

The BIH Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Program funding of \$250,000 has been redirected to the BIH program and will remain with the agencies that received BIH FIMR allocations.

The revised FY 2009-10 MCAH base allocation for Los Angeles County is reduced by \$15,000 for Preconception Council activities. The costs for Preconception Council activities are reflected in a separate budget.

To meet the minimum base allocation amounts, rather than shifting existing allocations between counties, a total of \$758,872 from state special projects will be redirected as follows:

- There are four demonstration projects - *Local Maternal Health (LMH) Projects* – in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura Counties. The San Diego and Ventura County LMH Projects will be eliminated, while the Los Angeles and San Bernardino LMH Projects will continue.

The FY 2009-10 revised MCAH base allocations do not include the LMH project funding. The project funding for San Diego (\$181,767) and Ventura (\$187,687) has been reallocated, as noted above, and the project funding for Los Angeles (\$198,150) and San Bernardino (\$187,337) is reflected in a separate budget.

- The *California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC)* contract will be reduced.
- The *Birth and Beyond California Project* contract will be reduced.

BIH – FY 2009-10 Allocation Table Updates

The BIH allocations consist of the original FY 2009-10 Title V base allocations, plus the BIH FIMR funds (see above).

The revised FY 2009-10 BIH base allocation for Solano County is reduced by \$16,601 for the SGF portion of a shared Outreach Program Liaison position.

AFLP – FY 2009-10 Allocation Table Updates

The AFLP allocations consist of the original FY 2009-10 Title V base allocations, with no adjustments.

Next Steps

Our Contract Managers and Program Consultants Agency Assignment Listing is enclosed and can be found on the MCAH website under Program and Fiscal Information for Business Partners. The enclosed allocation tables and Policy Letters can also be found on the MCAH website under Program and Fiscal Information for Business Partners (<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/funding/mcah/Pages/default.aspx>).

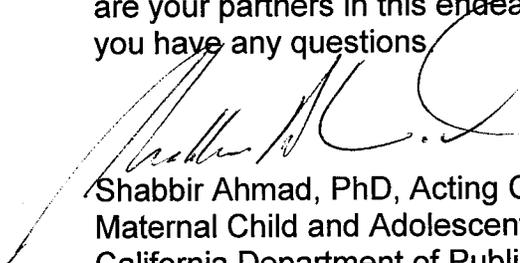
- Your Contract Managers (CMs) and Program Consultants (PCs) will be contacting you immediately regarding the new allocations and revised SOWs.
- You will need to submit revised agreement funding application (AFA) packages reflecting the new budget allocations and revised SOWs. Your CMs and PCs are here to help guide you through the process, and are ready to work closely with you to complete your AFAs as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- As soon as your budget is approved, you may begin submitting invoices for reimbursement. Again, your CMs are here to help guide you through the invoicing process to assure that you are reimbursed in a timely manner. Please note that, because of the late budget, the deadline for submitting invoices for the first quarter will be extended.
- MCAH agencies are still required to complete time studies for Title V 30/30 Earmarking.
- Since there is no SGF allocation to draw down Federal Financial Participation (FFP) matching funds, time studies for SGF FFP match are not applicable. If agencies use local agency funds (which must be certified public expenditures, per 42 CFR Section 433.51) to draw down FFP matching, then time studies are required. Contact your CM if you have questions about FFP, certified public expenditures, or time studies.

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Once again, thank you all for the work you do to provide vital services to the people of California, and for your perseverance and patience during these challenging times. We are your partners in this endeavor; please do not hesitate to contact your CM or PC if you have any questions.

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Enclosure