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Management Memorandum
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TO: ADAP ENROLLMENT WORKERS

SUBJECT: ADAP CLIENTS IMPACTED BY PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY POWER OUTAGES AND THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

The purpose of this Management Memorandum is to notify ADAP enrollment workers of a temporary emergency access procedure for ADAP clients that have been impacted by the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company power outages or California wildfires.

Eligibility extensions due to PG&E Power Outages:

ADAP clients at the following sites located in the affected PG&E power outage area, have received an eligibility extension through 11/30/2019:

- Humboldt County Public Health (Site 1201)
- Kaiser Vallejo (Site 4802)
- Marin AIDS Foundation (Site 2103)
- Mendocino County Health Services (Sites 2301, 2302, and 2303)
- Santa Rosa Community Health Centers (Sites 4904, 4908, 4909, 4910, and 4911)
- Sierra Foothill AIDS Foundation (Sites 0901 and 3101)
- Solano County Public Health (Site 4809)

If your ADAP enrollment site is informed that they will be impacted by the PG&E power outages, please reach out to your ADAP Advisor in order for ADAP extend eligibility for potential impacted clients.

Emergency Access Due to California Wildfires

The California wildfires have affected lives and access to health care services throughout California. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is aware that ADAP clients who reside in affected areas may face barriers to completing ADAP re-enrollment or recertification timely, which would result in a lapse in ADAP and/or Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) program, Medicare Part D Premium Payment (MDPP) program, or Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) program eligibility. In order to prevent this from occurring, ADAP will grant the



client emergency access and provide an additional 30 days of eligibility. This **will not** count towards the client's one time emergency access request. An ADAP advisor will verify the client's residency in the ADAP Enrollment System (AES) before granting emergency access. Once the client's residency information is verified, the ADAP advisor will notate in the case notes section of the AES that an emergency access was granted due to the California wildfires.

As of October 29, 2019 ADAP has not been informed that any ADAP enrollment sites have been impacted by the wildfires. If your ADAP enrollment site is not able to operate due to California wildfires, please reach out to your ADAP Advisor in order for ADAP to extend eligibility to clients. ADAP will continue to monitor the various fires throughout California and reach out to potentially impacted sites.

Early Medication Dispense for Impacted Clients

To ensure clients maintain an adequate supply of medication, ADAP has worked with its Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) Magellan Rx Management to allow ADAP clients impacted by the PG&E power outages or California wildfires to pick up medication prior to their allowable refill date. ADAP requests that Enrollment Workers notify their impacted clients of this option. ADAP will continue to work Magellan to ensure clients enrolled at impacted sites can leverage this exception.

We send our well wishes to all clients and enrollment workers impacted by the California wildfires. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this Management Memorandum, please contact your ADAP advisor.

Thank you,



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