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DATE: June 5, 2014

TO: CHDP Providers

FROM: Alan Tomines, Director
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SUBJECT: **CHDP PROVIDER UPDATE #01:14**

I. Reminder: CHDP Physician Provider Minimum Requirements

All CHDP physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants must meet the minimum requirements applicable to their respective disciplines (per the guidance in the Provider Enrollment section of the CHDP Provider Manual, 2003). Specifically,

- Physicians must meet the Physician Provider Minimum Requirements, and the scope of CHDP practice for internists will be limited to ages 14 years and older (Page 3, Provider Enrollment chapter, 2003 CHDP Provider Manual, updated June 2007);
- Independent nurse practitioners must meet the Independent Nurse Practitioner Requirements (Page 4, Provider Enrollment chapter, 2003 CHDP Provider Manual, updated June 2007);
- Non-independent nurse practitioners and physician assistants must meet the applicable Non-Physician Medical Practitioner Qualifications (Pages 4-5, Provider Enrollment chapter, 2003 CHDP Provider Manual, updated June 2007).

PHYSICIAN PROVIDER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, the Physician Provider Minimum Requirements for CHDP include:

- Holding an unrestricted California physician and surgeon license issued by the licensing section of the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California; AND
- Enrollment as an active Medi-Cal provider; AND
- Board certification in pediatrics, family practice, or internal medicine.
 - In lieu of board certification in pediatrics, family practice, or internal medicine, the physician must be an active candidate for the certifying examination, or present other evidence that establishes current board eligibility. Please contact the appropriate medical specialty board (e.g., American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Family Medicine, or American Board of Internal Medicine) to determine current board eligibility.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHDP PHYSICIAN ELIGIBILITY

The CHDP Physician Provider Minimum Requirements are intended to promote a high standard of care for children and youth receiving CHDP services. However, although these requirements have been in place for more than 10 years, more than one-sixth of the CHDP physicians in Los Angeles County (LAC) have not yet met these minimum requirements.

LAC CHDP physicians who do not meet the CHDP Physician Provider Minimum Requirements by April 1, 2016 will be subject to disenrollment from the CHDP program at that time.

Approval to be a CHDP health assessor is site-specific. Prior approval as a health assessor at one site does not automatically extend approval at other CHDP sites.

ENFORCEMENT OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

Per the CHDP Provider Manual, the scope of CHDP practice for internal medicine physicians is limited to children and youth ages 14 years and older. Effective April 1, 2014, the LAC CHDP Program will also be limiting the scope of CHDP practice for general practitioners (those physicians that are not board-certified or board-eligible in pediatrics, family medicine, or internal medicine) to children and youth ages 14 years and older. The LAC CHDP Program will conduct periodic audits of submitted Confidential Screening/Billing Report (PM 160) forms, to ensure CHDP provider compliance with age restrictions.

II. **Reminder: PM160 Submission Requirements**

Per the CHDP manual, Confidential Screening/Billing Report (PM160) Claim Form chapter,

- **Copy 1 (white)** is forwarded to the CHDP Fiscal Intermediary for claims payment or reporting.
- **Copy 2 (yellow)** must be sent to the local CHDP program within 30 days of the health assessment. Providers with an electronic health records (EHR) or providers that are CMC billers must also submit this yellow copy of the PM160 to the local CHDP program.
- **Copy 3 (white)** must be kept by the provider in the patient's record. Providers with EHR must also keep a copy in the patient's record.
- **Copy 4 (pink)** must be given to the parent/legal guardian or patient at the time of the examination with a complete explanation of the results of the assessment. Providers with EHR must also give this pink copy to the parent/legal guardian or patient at the time of the examination.

III. **Notification: ACA Self Attestation Form**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), as amended by the H.R. 4872-24 Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Section 1202, requires payments to be increased to the Medicare equivalent for certain primary care services. The increased payments are retroactive for dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, for both fee-for-service and managed care programs.

The ACA Self Attestation Form is available on the ACA Increased Medicaid Payment for Primary Care Physicians page of the Medi-Cal website. Providers must use this form to self-attest that they are eligible for the increased payment available under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Those who do not self-attest are ineligible. The last day for submission of the Self Attestation Form is December 31, 2014. Providers can reference the Primary Care Physician Self Attestation Form Completion Instructions for step-by-step instructions and additional information about the form.

For more information, view the July 22, 2013 Medi-Cal News Flash: ACA Self Attestation Form Now Available at http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_21596_5.asp

IV. Notification: CHDP Billing Information for Aid Code 8E

Per the January 21, 2014 Medi-Cal News Flash, “New Presumptive Eligibility Medi-Cal Coverage for Adults,” the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will provide temporary Medi-Cal eligibility for many individuals and families through aid code 8E while Medi-Cal applications submitted through the Covered California website are being verified.

The January 24, 2014 Medi-Cal News Flash, “CHDP Billing Information for Aid Code 8E,” explains possible erroneous claim denials with aid code 8E.

For more information, view the Medi-Cal News Flash: New Presumptive Eligibility Medi-Cal Coverage for Adults at http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_22199_1.asp and Medi-Cal News Flash: CHDP Billing Information for Aid Code 8E at http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/ACA/articles/acanews_22199_2.asp?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Medi-Cal%20NewsFlash&utm_content=22199.2

V. Notification: Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Checkwrite Hold

Per the May 20, 2014 Medi-Cal News Flash, specific checkwrites scheduled for fiscal year 2013 – 2014 will be delayed until the start of fiscal year 2014 – 2015.

For more information, view the Medi-Cal News Flash: Fiscal year 2013-2104 Checkwrite Hold for Specific Provider Payments at http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_22631.asp?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Medi-al%20NewsFlash&utm_content=22631

VI. Notification: Medi-Cal Checkwrite Schedule Updated

Per the June 2, 2014 Medi-Cal News Flash, the checkwrite schedule has been updated for fiscal year 2014 – 2015. For more information, view the Medi-Cal News Flash: Medi-Cal Checkwrite Schedule Updated at http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_22632.asp?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Medi-Cal%20NewsFlash&utm_content=22632

VII. Resource: CHDP Website - Recently Updated

Nutrition resources and training materials to assist CHDP providers are available on the CHDP website. Training modules, “Promoting Physical Activity at Well Child Visits,” “Using World Health Organization (WHO) Growth Charts,” and “Glucose and Cholesterol Screening for Pediatric Obesity” have recently been added to the CHDP website. Patient education brochures, such as, “Growing Up Healthy” series, “Ways to Increase Fruits and Vegetables, and “Choose My Plate” are also available.

For more information, view the CHDP website at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/CHDP.htm>. If you have additional questions about childhood obesity related training tools, please contact Parvaneh Lalezari at 626-569-6037.

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