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TO: All County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: Revised CMSP Eligibility Manual – Effective January 1, 2014

Implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in California took effect January 1, 2014. Under the ACA, Medi-Cal has been expanded to cover low-income adults up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and low income adults and families with incomes between 133-400% FPL are eligible for subsidized health insurance coverage through Covered California.

On December 11, 2013 the CMSP Governing Board approved revisions to the CMSP Eligibility Manual for CMSP eligibility requirements beginning January 1, 2014. The changes to the Manual remove previous revisions that were approved by the Governing Board for operation of the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) pilot project, Path2Health, and provide CMSP eligibility rules within the new ACA context. Major changes to the CMSP Eligibility Manual include:

- Establishment of rules for determining the availability of other health coverage through Covered California under a new Section 3-012.3;
- Elimination of the requirement under All County Letter 13-01 that counties send a Redetermination Notice to CMSP enrollees at the end of their enrollment term;
- Elimination of language under Article 15 pertaining to Grievance and Appeals established under LIHP program requirements and reinstatement of the CMSP rules in effect (through 12/31/11) prior to creation of Path2Health.

The revised manual has been posted on the CMSP website at www.cmspcounties.org.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kalleen Lyman, Information Technology Administrator at (916) 649-2631, extension 15 or by email at klyman@cmspcounties.org.

Sincerely,

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