



CMSP Letter No.: 20-02
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TO: COUNTY CONTACTS

SUBJECT: ACCESS TO CARE DURING PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS
OR DISASTER FOR CMSP

CMSP SUSPENDS THE REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS FOR 90 DAYS

The purpose of this CMSP All County Letter (ACL) is to instruct CMSP counties to delay discontinuances and negative actions for CMSP (aid codes 88, 89, 50, and 8F) based on the declared State and National Emergency due to COVID-19. The delay shall be effective for 90 days from the date of this ACL. In alignment with Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) I 20-07, CMSP has worked with CalWIN and C-IV to suspend the negative action batch processes for CMSP cases.

CMSP ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES

CMSP strongly encourages all counties conduct refresher trainings for eligibility staff on CMSP eligibility procedures. Rules and requirements for CMSP applications are contained within the CMSP Eligibility Manual which is available on the CMSP website at <https://www.cmspcounties.org/county-forms/#tab-id-2>. CMSP provides coverage to residents (documented and undocumented) of CMSP counties, 21-64 years, with incomes up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Denied Medi-Cal applicants, 21-64 years old and non-disabled, that are over income for MAGI-based Medi-Cal should be screened for CMSP eligibility and be provided the CMSP Supplemental Application, if applicable. The CMSP Supplemental Application may be signed by the applicant through a Telephonic Signature Declaration in accordance with the requirements sets forth on the CMSP 216 form available on the CMSP website at <https://www.cmspcounties.org/county-forms/>.

Covered California's special enrollment period due to COVID-19 will not be considered open enrollment for the purposes of CMSP eligibility determinations. Counties should follow the guidelines listed within "3-012.3. B. Applications Not Subject to Covered California Open Enrollment Period" of the CMSP Eligibility Manual at this time.

COVID-19 TESTING

CMSP's Primary Care Benefit is a set of primary and preventative health services available to CMSP members at no-cost and/or a \$5 co-pay for prescriptions. CMSP aid code 50 (undocumented members) and CMSP aid code 89 (full scope CMSP with a Share of Cost) can receive in-network primary care or specialty care provider visits with no co-pay or Share of Cost (SOC).

Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, CMSP will provide coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing to all CMSP members at no cost. Share of Cost (SOC) requirements will be waived for any provider office, urgent care center and emergency room visits in order to receive COVID-19 testing at contracted and non-contracted providers within California.

If you have any questions about the information presented, please contact Alison Kellen, Program Manager at akellen@cmspcounties.org.

Thank you,



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