County Medical Services Program Guide (CMSPG) Letter #01

July 18, 2011

Subject	**COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) AND LOW INCOME HEALTH PROGRAM (LIHP) PROGRAM GUIDES AND INTERNET PUBLICATION**
Effective Date	July 1, 2011
Reference	County Policy
Purpose	The purpose of this letter is to inform staff of the following: • County Medical Services Program Guide (CMSPG) has been created and is available online under County Medical Services Program Guide (CMSPG). • Issuance of the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) Program Guide (PG). • CMSPG will contain Article A as the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) Program Guide (PG). • Article A located for CMS program material will no longer be updated and has been removed from the Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG). • LIHP program material will no longer be updated with a hard copy.
Background	<u>CMS</u> CMS program regulations were housed in the MPG as Article A. CMS program follows Medi-Cal program rules and Article A referenced the MPG. <u>CI</u> The Coverage Initiative (HCCI) program was San Diego's 2007 1115 Medicaid-waiver program thru 06/30/11. The CI program guide contains regulations and operating procedures needed to properly carry out the responsibility to administer the CI program. With the implementation of the new Medicaid-waiver program, LIHP, new regulations went into effect for LIHP on 07/01/11.
Changes	<u>CMSPG</u> Article A and all references to MPG have been removed to create the

CMSPG. The CMSPG can be accessed online with the following link (http://hhsa-pg.sdcounty.ca.gov/).

The CMSPG includes Article A which is now the Low Income Health Program (LIHP).

Article A in the MPG will no longer be available.

LIHP PG
Article A of the stand alone CMSPG contains program regulations and operating procedures needed for determining LIHP eligibility. LIHP applications are processed using current LIHP regulations except as noted in the program guide where CMS rules and procedures are followed. Article A can be accessed online with the following link (http://hhsa-pg.sdcounty.ca.gov/).

LIHP PG will no longer be updated with a hard copy.

Required Actions	Some program cites for CMS and LIHP have changed in the creation of the CMSPG; therefore, workers are to familiarize themselves with the new format and cite regulations.
Forms Impact	No impact.
Quality Assurance	CMS Effective with the September 2011 review month, Quality Assurance will cite the CMSPG as the source for CMS program regulations. LIHP Effective with the September 2011 review month, HCPA staff will cite the CMSPG and LIHP PG as the source of LIHP program regulations.
ACCESS Impact	No impact.
Appeals Impact	CMS Appeals will review and determine eligibility based on the new CMSPG cites. LIHP Eligibility staff will review and determine eligibility based on the new CMSPG and LIHP PG cites.

CMS IT System

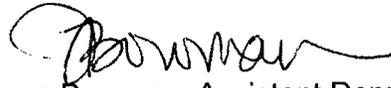The CMS IT system has been updated with the new program cites.

Summary of Changes

The table below shows the changes made to Article A of the CMSPG.

Section	Change
Section 1 & Section 2	• Update to LIHP program overview. • Update to eligibility, eligibility criteria and process.
Section 3, Section 4, Section 5 & Section 6	• Certification & Recertification section renumbered. • Citizenship/Identity/Alien Status section renumbered. • Income section renumbered. • Discontinuance section renumbered.
Section 7	New section for Automation.

Manager Approval

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