

MEDI-CAL PROGRAM GUIDE LETTER #603

February 15, 2007

Subject **Article A - County Medical Services (CMS): Elimination of Quick Screen Application Processes**

Effective Date September 1, 2006

Reference County Policy

Purpose The purpose of this letter is to provide staff with written instructions regarding the elimination of the quick screen application process for Emergency Room (ER) and Urgent Primary Care visits in the County Medical Services (CMS) Program.

Background Prior to September 1, 2006, there were four ways to apply for eligibility under the CMS Program. Two of the methods involved a quick screen process, which does not require the verification of income and property prior to the approval of benefits. The quick screen processes have been eliminated to improve case accuracy and enhance program integrity.

Change Effective September 1, 2006, applications for CMS are submitted by either:

- Calling 1-800-587-8118 to be evaluated for:
 - Ongoing CMS eligibility, or
 - An ER visit no more than 30 days prior.

or

- Going through the Hospital Outstation Service (HOS) referral process as an inpatient.

Forms The table below shows the forms now obsolete due to this change. All of the obsolete forms should be recycled.

Form	Name
HHSA: CMS 12	Emergency Room Appeals/Referrals
HHSA: CMS-35 (SP)	Emergency Room Episode Quick Screen
HHSA: CMS-36 (SP)	Emergency Room Application

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Forms (continued)

Form	Name
HHSA: CMS-37 (SP)	Emergency Room Follow-up Care
HHSA: CMS-65	Emergency Department Application Route Sheet
HHSA: CMS-66	Emergency Department Application Log
HHSA: CMS-73	Information for Urgent Primary Care Applicants
HHSA: CMS-74	Primary Care Services Transmittal
HHSA: CMS-75	Urgent Primary Care Episode/Supplemental Pool Quick Screen
HHSA: CMS-76	Urgent Primary Care Episode/Supplemental Pool Application
HHSA: CMS-77	Urgent Quick Screen Budget Worksheet
HHSA: CMS-39 ERA	Emergency Room Approval (Spanish on Reverse)
HHSA: CMS-39 ERD	Emergency Room Denial (Spanish on Reverse)

Automation Impact

None.

Summary of Changes

The table below summarizes the MPG Article A changes.

MPG Article A Section	Change
TOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Table of Contents
Section 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed reference to the Primary Care Urgent Quick Screen and ER Visit Only CMS application methods. Changed HCAD to HCA and MCPA to HCPA Revised Acronyms Added Uncertified Visit to Definition of Terms
Section 1, Appendices A & B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inserted Primary Care Clinic Numbers and Hospital numeric codes.

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Summary of Changes (continued)

MPG Article A Section	Change
Section 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changed HOS to HOS workers.• Updated Case Handling procedures.• Changed CDS to CalWIN.• Removed instructions regarding notifying hospitals via form 14-10.• Removed instructions for the Urgent Primary Care Episode Application and Emergency Department Episode Applications.• Added information regarding uncertified visits.• Removed references to County Patient Support Unit (CPSU).
Section 2, Appendix A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised CMS eligibility denial codes.
Section 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changed MCPA to SPOSD.• Changed CDS to CalWIN.• Changed HOS to HOS worker.• Removed reference to ER Treat and Release and Urgent Primary Care applications.
Section 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removed reference to obsolete forms.
Section 9, Appendix A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised completion instructions for HHSA: CMS-4 form.

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Filing Instructions

The table below shows how to file the MPG material.

Remove pages:	Replace with pages:
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Article A-1-i through A-1-6	Article A-1-i through A-1-5
Article A-1-A1 through A-1-B	Article A-1-A1 through A-1-B
Article A-2-i through A-2-19	Article A-2-i through A-2-10
Article A-2-A1	Article A-2-A1
Article A-7-i through A-7-4	Article A-7-i through A-7-4
Article A-9-i through A-9-4	Article A-9-i through A-9-3
Article A-9-A1 through A-9-A2	Article A-9-A1 through A-9-A3

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