

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Letter #642

June 24, 2008

Subject IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW HEALTHY FAMILIES (HF) TO MEDI-CAL PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY (PE) PROGRAM

Effective Date 7/1/08

Reference ACWDLs 07-15, 08-18 and MPG Special Notice (SN) 07-05

Purpose The purpose of this letter is to inform staff of the new HF to PE program Aid Code (AC) 5E and to update the MPG with the HF to PE program information.

Background MPG SN 07-05 informed workers that the HF to Medi-Cal Bridging Program was replaced by the HF to Medi-Cal PE program. Under the HF to Medi-Cal Bridging program, children who lose HF eligibility and appear eligible to zero share of cost (SOC) Medi-Cal during the HF Annual Eligibility Review (AER) process continue to receive two months of HF eligibility under AC 7Y. The HF AER applications, along with supporting documents, were forwarded to the County for Medi-Cal eligibility determination. Eligibility to 7Y AC ended automatically at the end of the second month.

HF to Medi-Cal PE program replaced the existing HF to Medi-Cal Bridging program. Under the HF to Medi-Cal PE program, when consent is given, children who lose HF eligibility and appear eligible to zero SOC Medi-Cal will have their health coverage extended under 5E AC until a worker completes a Medi-Cal eligibility determination.

Changes The HF to Medi-Cal PE program replaced the existing HF to Medi-Cal Bridging program effective 8/1/07. Children eligible to the HF to Medi-Cal PE program were placed in AC 8E until the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) could implement the new AC 5E. The new AC 5E is effective 7/1/08.

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Automation Impact

In order to shut down the 5E aid code, an evaluation of eligibility must be reported to MEDS via CalWIN. Workers must take the following steps to process 5E aid codes in MEDS via CalWIN:

Step	Action	
1	If...	Then...
	The child/family has an existing case	Complete application/ registration for a full case
	There is an existing active case	Complete application/ registration for the child
2	Run EDBC and authorize. The eligibility determination (No SOC Medi-Cal, SOC Medi-Cal, or denial) transmits to MEDS and automatically shuts down the AC 5E.	
3	Verify expected results in MEDS.	

NOTE: If the evaluation is processed properly, but the 5E does not shut down in MEDS, staff must submit 14-28 form to their MEDS Operator in order to send the denial/SOC Aid/No SOC AC to shut down the 5E.

These Cases will now appear on the Exception Eligibles report under a separate grouping for 5E. DHCS will not convert existing 8E cases that should now be in AC 5E to AC 5E.

Forms Impact None.

Quality Assurance Impact

Effective with the July 2008 review month, Quality Assurance will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not follow the requirements detailed in this special notice.

Summary of Change

Article	Change
Article 5, section 8	Removed HF to Medi-Cal Bridging program instruction and replaced it with HF to Medi-Cal PE program. Added program to the Table of Contents.

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**Filing
Instructions**

Action	Pages
Remove	Article 5, Section 8 TOC page 5-iv
Replace	Article 5, Section 8 TOC page 5-iv
Remove	Article 5-8-10 through 5-8-11
Replace	Article 5-8-10 through 5-8-11

**Important
Notice**

The MPG is available in its entirety on the County Intranet by accessing <http://hhsa.intranet/manuals/mpg/index.html>. The MPG revisions listed in this letter will be entered into the Intranet MPG at the next update.

**Manager
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