

Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter #644

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Subject **ARTICLE A- UPDATE TO THE COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) MEDICAL/DENTAL NEED FORM (CMS-127) REQUIREMENT**

Effective Date Upon receipt

Reference County Policy

Purpose To inform staff of the addition of two (2) exemptions to the medical/dental need form requirement for recertification or reapplication.

Background CMS is not health insurance and only addresses urgent health issues. The CMS Medical/Dental Need Form (CMS-127) verifies the beneficiary's ongoing medical/dental need.

The CMS-127 *is* needed when a beneficiary is requesting a:

- recertification appointment.
- reapplication appointment within 6 months of the prior certification ending.

The CMS-127 *is not* needed when:

- AmeriChoice has an approved TAR waiting to be used.
 - an inpatient is referred to HOS.
 - a beneficiary is identified as CHRONIC on IDX.
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Changes The following two (2) exemptions have been added for the CMS Medi-Cal/Dental Need form requirement:

The CMS-127 *is not* required when the:

- share of cost has been met in the last month of certification; or
 - beneficiary has been treated in the emergency room and calls the CMS Eligibility Appointment Line (ASO) within 30 days of the emergency room visit to schedule an intake interview. The emergency room visit is verification of a medical need.
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Action Required None.

Automation Impact None.

Quality Assurance Impact None.

Summary of Changes The table below shows the changes to the Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG).

Article/Section	Changes
Article A, Section 2	Two exceptions added to the CMS-127 requirement.
Article A, Section 7	Two exceptions added to the CMS-127 requirement.

Filing Instructions The table below shows how to file the MPG material.

Action	Pages
Remove	Article A-2-12
	Article A-7-3
Replace	Article A-2-12
	Article A-7-3

Important Note 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.

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