Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter (MPG) # 791

June 24, 2013

Subject	**SIX NEW AID CODES TO IDENTIFY NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS IN THE FOSTER CARE, KIN-GAP, CALWORKS AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
Effective	April 1, 2012
Reference	All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) # 12-03, 12-03E
Purpose	To inform staff of the implementation of six new aid codes used to identify non-minor dependents (NMDs) age 18 through 21, who qualify for the current Foster Care (FC), Kin-GAP, CalWORKs and Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) and meet the Assembly Bill (AB) 12 participation criteria to continue to receive extended benefits starting January 1, 2012. **NOTE:** Although the effective date of this letter is April 1, 2012, there will be no retroactive evaluations. The CalWIN system has been assigning the appropriate new aid codes when FC staff determines ongoing eligibility.
Background	FC, Kin-GAP, CalWORKs, and AAP dependent children are eligible to receive cash benefits until age 18 and may continue to receive benefits if they are enrolled full-time in high school, a vocational or technical training program, and will graduate before reaching age 19.
Highlighted Changes	AB 12 established a new category of NMDs eligible to receive extended FC, Kin-GAP, CalWORKs, and AAP benefits up to age 21. The NMDs will receive the same level of Medi-Cal benefits they received while under their former existing aid codes if they meet the applicable Medi-Cal eligibility requirements. NMDs who meet the requirements for an extension, the extension will be phased in over a three-year period based on age as follows:

Effective …	An eligible NMD can receive aid up to age …
January 1, 2012	19
January 1, 2013	20
January 1, 2014	21 (Contingent upon a funding appropriation by the State Legislature.)

Required Action	Evaluate NMDs for the benefits extension, as specified below: • Federally Eligible AAP see MPG 05.11.02.B • Federally Eligible AFDC-FC see MPG 05.11.02.D • Non-Federally Eligible AFDC-FC see MPG 05.11.02.E • Kin-GAP see MPG 05.11.02.G • Foster Care CalWORKs and 1931b see MPG 05.11.02.J
Automation Impact	No Impact
Forms Impact	No Impact
ACCESS Impact	No Impact
Imaging Impact	No Impact
PA (CalFresh or CalWORKs) Program Impact	No Impact
Quality Control (QC) Impact	Effective with the July 2013 review month. QC will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.
Summary of Changes	The table below shows the changes made in the MPG cites.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 5, Section 11	Added new aid codes and requirements.

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05.11.02 Aid Codes

A. General	This section defines the various aid codes, when they are to be used, necessary forms and the procedures to be followed.

B. Federally Eligible AAP	The following aid codes will be used for FC children who are federally eligible to AAP:	MEM Proc. 5E

Aid Code	Description	
03	Used for federally eligible Title IV-E AAP children placed by the State of California. They are eligible for Medicaid but may not be eligible for Medi-Cal depending on where they reside. **NOTE:** Requests may be received from either the placing state or the Adoption Social Worker.	
06	Used for children receiving a federal Title IV-E AAP cash subsidy from outside California through the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA). This aid code is full-scope zero SOC Medi-Cal.	ACWDL 08-30, 08-30E
07	Used for ongoing adoptive placement of hard-to-place non-minors, whose initial AAP payment occurred on or after age 16 and are over age 18, but under age 21, who would require placement without such assistance. **NOTE:** Medi-Cal is automatic with the determination of eligibility for the IV-E payment.	ACWDL 12-03, 12-03E

To determine residence for Aid Code 03, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Canal Zone and other U.S. territories are considered as other states.

If the Child is Placed:	Then…
in California or in another Country by California	Aid Code 03 will automatically issue a Medi-Cal BIC
in another State by California	CWS is responsible for arranging Medicaid coverage for children placed out of state, the Medi-Cal worker must send a timely Notice of Action discontinuing Medi-Cal

The following conditions apply to Aid Code 06:

- This is a mandatory categorically eligible population. Eligibility for

Medi-Cal has been met through receipt of Title IV-E AAP benefits.
- No separate application form is required to establish Medi-Cal.
- No income or asset test is required.
- Enrollment in managed care plans is voluntary in GMC counties.
- Annual redetermination is conducted with the adoption state, not the adoptive parents.
- Inter-county transfer procedures apply if the child moves to a different county within California.
- Children are eligible to CEC if they are no longer eligible under AAP prior to their 18th birthday and if they age out of the AAP program at age 18 years.

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C. Non-Federally Eligible AAP

Aid Code 04 is used for non-federally eligible AAP children placed by California. These children are eligible to Medicaid regardless of where they reside.

If the Child is Placed:	Then…
in California or in another Country by California	these children automatically receive a Medi-Cal card through the 04 case
in a Non-ICAMA State by California	CA no longer provides Medi-Cal for these children. They must receive Medicaid from the state of residence

Aid Code 4A is used for non-federally eligible AAP children placed in California by another ICAMA state and there is a state-only AAP agreement between that state and the adoptive parents. This aid code is full-scope zero SOC Medi-Cal and enrollment in managed care plans is voluntary.

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D. Federally Eligible AFDC-FC

The following aid codes will be used for FC children who are federally eligible to AFDC-FC:

Aid Code	Description
42	Used for federally eligible children placed in AFDC-FC by California agencies.
46	Used for Title IV-E federally-funded children placed in California from another state through the Interstate Compact of the Placement of Children (ICPC). This aid code is full-scope zero SOC Medi-Cal.
49	Covers non-minor dependents (NMDs), age 18 but

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	under age 21, under AB 12 on whose behalf federal AFDC-FC financial assistance is provided for FC placement. **NOTE:** Medi-Cal is automatic upon the determination of eligibility for the Title IV-E payment.	12-03, 12-03E

To determine residence for Aid Code 42, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Canal Zone and other U.S. territories are considered as other states.

The following conditions apply to Aid Code 46:

- This is a mandatory categorically eligible population. Eligibility for Medi-Cal has been met through receipt of Title IV-E FC benefits.
- No separate application form is required to establish Medi-Cal.
- No income or asset test is required.
- Enrollment in managed care plans is voluntary in GMC counties.
- Annual redetermination is conducted with the placement state, not the foster parents.
- Inter-county transfer procedures apply if the child moves to different county within California.
- Children are eligible to CEC if they are no longer eligible to foster care prior to their 18th birthday.
- Children are eligible to the FFCC Program, aid code 4M, upon aging out of the foster care system.

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E. Non-Federally Eligible AFDC-FC

The following aid codes will be used for FC children who are non-federally eligible to AFDC-FC:

Aid Code	Description	
40	Used for non-federally eligible children placed in FC by California. **NOTE:** This aid code includes children who might be otherwise federally eligible but are placed in "for-profit" facilities inside or outside of the State of California such as Vision Quest, Rite of Passage, Sunny Mountain Ranch, or Boys Republic. Workers must assign the correct aid code so that children placed in "for-profit" facilities out-of-state will continue to receive their Medi-Cal.	
43	Covers NMDs, age 18 but under age 21, under AB 12 on whose behalf state-only AFDC-FC financial assistance is provided for foster care placement.	ACWDL 12-03, 12-03E

	NOTE: These youth must meet the eligibility requirements of the FFCC program.

F.
Foster Care
Medi-Cal Only

Aid Code 45 is used in a small number of cases for children placed in FC out of the home when a public agency is assuming financial responsibility for the child's care and the agency has responsibility for the child's placement, including:

- Children receiving aid under the CW Aid Codes (FC payments made through County Treasurer Funds) when they meet the basic criteria in Section B., above.

- Children placed in CMH when public funds are used for their personal needs.

This aid code is also used when a Medi-Cal only case is opened to meet the immediate medical need of a child who has not been placed or who's AFDC-FC eligibility cannot be established, and the child is not currently active in an AFDC or No SOC Medi-Cal Case. Refer to MPG 05-11-03 for Medi-Cal card issuance instructions.

Clarification: Children at the Door of Hope would not be eligible under this aid code unless receiving public funds. Their needs are usually met by Door of Hope, which are private funds. These children may be eligible under Aid Codes 82/83 or 34/37.

The following forms are required to establish eligibility:

Form/Verification	Description
SAWS-1	any written request for aid
MC 250 Application Form	to be completed by a representative of the public agency assuming financial responsibility

Forms MC 216 and MC 217 are not required.

G.
Kin-GAP

The following table below shows the aid codes and their usage.

Aid Code	Usage
4T	For children in Kin-GAP relative placement receiving federally-funded Kin-GAP.
4S	Covers former and current FC NMDs, over age 18, but under age 21, by moving them from FC placements to more permanent placement options

		through the establishment of a relative guardianship that occurred on or after age 16. (Also includes youth age 18, but under age 21 based on a disability.) **NOTE:** Medi-Cal is automatic upon the determination for the Title IV-E payment.	
	4G	For children in Kin-GAP relative placement receiving cash assistance with no FFP cash payments. This is a state-only cash assistance program	
	4W	Covers NMDs, age 18, but under age 21, eligible for extended KinGAP assistance based on a disability or based on the establishment of the guardianship that occurred on or after age 16. **NOTE:** Must have full Medi-Cal eligibility determination completed.	

The following applies to both 4T and 4G aid codes:
- The aid code is full-scope zero SOC Medi-Cal.
- Enrollment in managed care plans is voluntary.

H. Medically Indigent

Aid Codes 82/83 are used for children (in or under FC supervision and others) who do not meet AFDC linkage requirements. Ref: MEM 50251 (a)(1), (2), (4), (5), and (6).

This category includes, but is not limited to:

- Children, not living in the home of a parent or relative, who are in a medical facility where a public agency is not assuming financial responsibility because the parent(s) is providing all personal needs. This includes state hospitals such as Camarillo when the parent(s)/relative(s) is providing for the child's personal needs.

- Children placed with non-relatives where the child's own income exceeds the FC rate.

- Children placed back with the parent(s) under FC supervision and there is no AFDC linkage.

- Children placed in LTC when no public agency is providing for personal needs wholly or in part.

- SED children with no AFDC linkage for whom disability has not

been established. These children are determined to be "living in the home" and only temporarily absent for educational purposes.

The following forms and verifications are required to establish eligibility:

Form/Verification	Description
SAWS-1	any written request for aid
FC-2	a. Foster Care Statement of Facts b. the person or representative of the agency having legal responsibility for the child must complete the FC-2 c. in a dependency situation DSS has legal responsibility for the child d. the person who has the most information should complete the Statement of Facts (SW or HSS)

Forms MC 216 and MC 217 are not required.

I. Medically Needy

Aid Codes 34/37 are used for children and adults who are AFDC linked (*i.e.,* meet a deprivation factor).

MEM 50205

This category includes, but is not limited to:

- Children placed back in the parent's home under FC supervision and the child is linked to AFDC.

- Children placed in the home of a relative who refuses or is ineligible to AFDC-FC payments.

- SEC children when AFDC linkage exists. See Section H.

Forms and verifications: See Section H.

J. Foster Care CalWORKs and 1931(b)

Children ineligible to AFDC-FC and receiving CalWORKs or 1931(b) will be placed in the aid codes described below:

ACWDL 10-28, 10-28E

Aid Code	Description
4H	Used for FC children receiving CalWORKs.
4N	Covers NMDs, age 18 but under age 21, under AB 12 on whose behalf CalWORKs financial assistance is provided for FC placement, living with an approved relative. **NOTE:** These youth must meet the requirement of

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		the FFCC program. In order for a child to be eligible under the FFCC program, the child must be in FC under the responsibility of the state on his/her 18th birthday, be under 21 years of age, and reside in the State of California.
	4L	Used for FC children receiving Medi-Cal under 1931(b).

The following conditions apply to aid code 4L:

1	This is a mandatory categorically eligible population with full-scope Medi-Cal. No separate application, income, or asset test is required to establish Medi-Cal for these children.
2	Eligibles in this aid code have voluntary enrollment status for Medi-Cal managed care plans.
3	Annual redetermination of Medi-Cal will be conducted as with other CalWORKs or 1931(b) recipients.
4	This population will be eligible for the Former Foster Care Children Program (FFCCP), aid code 4M, upon aging out of the FC system.