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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-62-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL IHSS PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

REASON FOR THIS
TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: INAPPLICABILITY OF AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 TEMPORARY FEDERAL MEDI-CAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP) INCREASE OF 11.59 PERCENT FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding the inapplicability of the temporary enhanced California's Federal Medi-Cal Assistance Percentage (FMAP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for administrative expenses related to all Medi-Cal services which include Personal Care Services Program (PCSP) and IHSS Plus Waiver (IPW) administrative costs.

FMAP is the percentage of costs funded with federal funds and is determined annually by a federal statutory formula. California currently receives the 50% minimum FMAP for most services. Enhanced FMAP is available for certain program (services) costs. As part of ARRA, a temporary increase to FMAP was enacted for Medicaid covered services. Generally, the increased FMAP is available for allowable Medicaid medical assistance expenditures for which federal matching is paid ordinarily at the FMAP rate and Title IV-E foster care payments. Section 5001(e) of the ARRA relating to enhanced FMAP does not apply to administrative costs. In such cases, the regular state FMAP will continue to apply.

The sharing ratios for the non-federal portion for PCSP and IPW costs will remain at federal 50% / state 65% / county 35%. The Non-PCSP sharing ratios for the state and county remain at (state 65% / county 35%). The SOC 448 Excel spreadsheet (electronic form) Claim for Reimbursement In-Home Supportive Services Program Public Authority Invoice Administrative Costs is currently being updated for FY 2009/10 and will be electronically sent to the counties.

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Note: Counties are reminded of the need to forward a letter to the Adult Programs Branch at the California Department of Social Services with sample signatures of the person(s) authorized to sign the forms claiming for reimbursement in the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. This information allows the state to verify that the appropriate county personnel are certifying and approving the form for auditing purposes. The persons authorized to sign must be the county welfare director or the contract administrator or their representative, and the county auditor or the county controller or their representative. Counties should provide a new letter of authorized signatures whenever there is a change for the person(s) that are authorized to sign.

For further information or clarification on the contents of this notice, please contact Rolonda Moen, Manager of the Fiscal and Administrative Unit, at (916) 229-4598.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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