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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-16-18

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
    ALL COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE (CCI) PROGRAM MANAGERS
    ALL IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE (CCI) FOR IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14186.35(a)(9)(B)(ix) previously required counties to enter into Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to share data with the managed care health plans. Due to the elimination of the provision of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) as a managed care benefit in 2017, counties are no longer statutorily required to provide this data to the plans. Nevertheless, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) encourages all counties (not only those previously involved in the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)) to voluntarily enter into MOUs that provide for county sharing of confidential information with the managed care health plans, and to voluntarily continue ongoing efforts to participate in coordinated care teams (CCTs).

Furthermore, counties are no longer required to provide CDSS with monthly CCI-related data in such areas as CCTs, health plan referrals to IHSS and IHSS authorization increases due to reassessment requests from health plans. While providing such information to CDSS is now optional, this type of data remains most useful to CDSS in tracking trends and identifying potential challenges. CDSS would be most appreciative of county efforts to continue providing this information on a strictly voluntary basis.
For any questions regarding the information contained in this notice, counties should contact Aron Smith, Staff Services Manager I (Specialist) in the Policy and Quality Assurance Branch of the Adult Programs Division at aron.smith@dss.ca.gov or (916) 651-1174.

Sincerely,

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