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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1811 WAIVER PERSONAL CARE SERVICES PROVIDER PARITY



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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ALL IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM
MANAGERS
PUBLIC AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1811 WAIVER
PERSONAL CARE SERVICES PROVIDER PARITY

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL 1811 \(CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018\);
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 14132.97](#)

The purpose of this All-County Letter (ACL) is to provide counties with information regarding the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018) which adds Welfare and Institutions Code [\(WIC\) section 14132.971](#), establishing the county, Public Authorities (PA), or Nonprofit Consortiums (NPC) as the employers of record for Waiver Personal Care Services (WPCS) providers for purposes of good faith negotiations regarding wages, health benefits and other conditions. Beginning July 1, 2019, the WPCS providers will receive the same collective bargaining rights, wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment that currently exist for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers in their respective counties. WPCS providers will continue to call the Department of Health Care Services WPCS Payroll Hotline for requests for verification of employment, Worker's Compensation claims, and other payroll questions.

With AB 1811, WPCS providers will be eligible for health benefits administered by the counties and will be eligible to become union members. The following modifications have been made to the Case Management, Information and Payrolling System (CMIPS) to support AB 1811.

CMIPS MODIFICATIONS

Interface Files

The demographic information, monthly hours and wages for WPCS only providers, will now report on the monthly interface files that are exchanged between the county health benefit managers and CMIPS. This information will also be exchanged between CMIPS and the unions.

The CMIPS has been modified to accept deductions from the monthly interface file from the county health benefit managers and the unions. The deduction information will be applied to WPCS providers' pay warrants during payroll processing.

WPCS provider exception information will now be included in the exception files for corrections and resubmission in the next receive files when necessary.

CMIPS Screen

The *View Warrant* screen will display amounts withheld from WPCS providers' payment for health benefits and union dues the same as for IHSS providers.

Warrant Information

The WPCS payments will now display health benefit and union dues deductions on the provider's pay stubs when deductions are withheld from the gross pay.

Reports

The *Paid Case Summary Report* in CMIPS, used by the PA/NPC's to track hours and expenditures for IHSS providers, has been modified to include hours and expenditures for WPCS providers.

CLAIMING

To meet the requirements of AB 1811 the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is developing a mechanism for PA/NPCs to receive federal reimbursement for WPCS administration and provider health benefits through the PA/NPC Invoice (SOC 448). WPCS hours and expenditures will be verified on page 31 of the CMIPS *Paid Case Summary Report* monthly and entered on the SOC 448. The revised SOC 448 and claiming instructions will be released in a forthcoming ACL in August 2019.

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Questions or requests for clarification regarding the information in this ACL should be directed to the Financial Management Unit (FMU), Adult Programs Division (APD) at [APD FMU@dss.ca.gov](mailto:APD_FMU@dss.ca.gov) or by calling (916) 652-3850.

Sincerely,

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