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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE: I-33-10

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY IHSS PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: EXPIRATION OF THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)
PLUS WAIVER AND APPROVAL OF AN STATE PLAN OPTION

REFERENCE: Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 14132.952

This is to inform counties that the US Department of Health Care Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a Social Security Act § 1915(j) Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services State Plan Option program for California. This program is known as the IHSS Plus Option (IPO) and became effective October 1, 2009. This All-County Information Notice conveys information regarding the transition of the IHSS Plus Waiver (IPW) population to the IPO.

Background

In 2004, California implemented a Social Security Act § 1115 Demonstration Waiver, the IPW program. This Waiver allowed California to move almost all of the IHSS-Residual recipients into either the IPW or Personal Care Services Program, and receive Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for services to these recipients. The IPW was limited to five years with a possibility of renewal; however, during that time, CMS initiated new options to allow recipients in the IPW to be served in a State Plan Option program. The new IPO program continues federal funding for the IPW population.

The following provides counties with information on the transition of the IPW population to the IPO:

- The IPW population was moved into the new IPO program on October 1, 2009.
- The Medi-Cal secondary aid code for this population will continue to be 2L.
- IPW and IPO program expenditures will be differentiated in the CMIPS Legacy system based upon service date (i.e. service dates through September 30, 2009 are IPW expenditures, and Oct. 1, 2009 forward is IPO).
- The program criteria will continue to be the same as for the IPW:

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

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- Individuals who are full scope FFP Medi-Cal, and have their services provided by a spouse, or parent of a minor child; or are receiving Restaurant Meal Allowance or Advance Pay.

Additional information on the IPO program will follow. If you have questions regarding any of this information, please call the Waiver and Policy Development Unit at (916) 229-4000 or send an email to APBpolicy@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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