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ALL-COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 12-31

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)
PROGRAM MANAGERS

**SUBJECT: ALTERED ACCESS TO MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATASYSTEM
(MEDS) DATA ELEMENTS FOR APS CASE WORK**

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> State Law Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Law or Regulation Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Court Order
<input type="checkbox"/> Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiated by CDSS

This ACL provides information to the counties regarding accessibility to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) by the county APS agencies. Effective June 30, 2012, counties shall not access MEDS for the purposes of APS case work. MEDS may continue to be accessed for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) case work.

Access to the Social Security Administration (SSA) data, which is maintained in MEDS, requires strict adherence to security and privacy requirements. In order to comply with these requirements, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) reviewed programs for whether the data is used for purposes of determining eligibility for federally funded benefit programs or approved state funded benefit programs. Because the APS program requirements do not require federal or state eligibility or a means test for APS services, APS program staff may not access MEDS for its case work. However, counties may continue to access MEDS for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) case work. For this reason, MEDS access codes will not be withdrawn from county agencies.

In order to provide adequate access to data needed by county APS staff to operate the APS program and serve APS clients in an efficient manner, CDSS has contacted the Department of Health Care Services regarding the need to obtain access to data elements via a system referred to as "MEDSLite" (a subset of MEDS). CDSS recently surveyed county APS agencies to determine the data elements needed. As a result of the statewide survey, CDSS will request access to 113 data elements. CDSS is currently in the process of obtaining access to MEDSLite, and will inform county APS agencies once development has been completed.

If you have questions regarding this information on accessing MEDSLite you may contact the Adult Programs Policy and Operations Bureau, at (916) 651-5350.

Sincerely,

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