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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform Perinatal Services Network providers that applications for the Healthy Families Program are being forwarded to their agencies from the California Department of Health Services (DHS).

DISCUSSION

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) requests your involvement to further Governor Pete Wilson's efforts to provide health care for California's estimated 1.2 million uninsured children. The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) and DHS, in accordance with recent legislation, have developed a common application booklet for families to apply for health care for their uninsured children under the age of 19. Within the next few weeks DHS will be shipping these application booklets to your office directly.

The Healthy Families Program, administered by MRMIB, is California's new low-cost insurance program for children. This program provides comprehensive health, dental, and vision benefits for children between the ages of 1-19 whose family income is less than 200 percent of the federal income guideline. The monthly premiums are as low as \$4 per child to a maximum of \$27 per family. The Healthy Families Program offers the following substance abuse coverage: inpatient hospitalization as medically appropriate; and up to 20 outpatient visits per benefit year for crisis intervention and treatment of alcoholism or drug abuse as medically appropriate. Participating Healthy Family Program health plans may elect to provide additional visits. The Application for Affordable Health Care booklet contains highlights of the Healthy Families Program and Medi-Cal benefits to children as well as the forms and instructions to complete an application.

Please display the application booklets in your office lobby/reception area. The application booklets are currently available in English and Spanish. Additional languages such as Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hmong, Armenian, Chinese, Lao, Russian, and Farsi will be printed and available to you on request by calling 1-888-237-6248.

An application assistance compensation fee of \$25 will be paid to organizations for each application which results in an enrollment for either the Healthy Families or Medi-Cal for children programs. Richard Heath and Associates (RHA) will be assisting DHS with the application assistance component of the program. For your organization to assist a family or individual with the application and to receive the application assistance reimbursement, you must be a Certified Application Assistor and your organization must sign an Entity and RHA agreement. To be certified, your organization must send a representative to a one-day no cost training. We have enclosed an Invitation to

Participate as a Certified Application Assistor containing the Entity and RHA agreement for your use. Please note that you must respond to RHA by August 31, 1998. Your organization will be notified by mail within thirty (30) days after receipt of your response with regard to the status of your registration. You will be notified at that time of training sessions in your area.

Thank you for your partnership in this outreach effort of making affordable health care accessible to California children. Together, we can achieve the goal of providing a healthier tomorrow for California's children. Questions concerning your agency becoming a Certified Application Assistor or questions regarding the certification training can be directed to RHA at 1-888-237-6248. Questions regarding the shipping of the applications may be directed to Rebecca Sandoval, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Office of Perinatal Substance Abuse, Program Operations Division, at (916) 322-8043.

REFERENCES

N/A

HISTORY

N/A

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

EXHIBITS

[Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for Children Programs Invitation to Participate](#)

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