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PURPOSE

As part of the Quilling v. Belshé court order, this is to inform you of the responsibility that all Drug/Medi-Cal (D/MC) certified Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP) have in terms of meeting the requirements of the Quilling v. Belshé court order. All D/MC certified NTP providers are required to post the enclosed Medi-Cal Notices, displayed in English and Spanish, in the waiting rooms of their facilities. If no waiting room exists, the Medi-Cal Notices must be posted in a public area readily available to all persons who use the services of the facility.

Also, the Medi-Cal Notices, both English and Spanish, must be posted from October 1, 1998, through December 30, 1998. This is the period during which clients may submit an application for reimbursement related to the court order. A Receipt/Posting Form must be returned to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) by October 16, 1998, by each NTP provider verifying the posting of the Medi-Cal Notices.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the Quilling v. Belshé court order, ADP and the Department of Health Services (DHS) are ordered to reimburse eligible clients for out-of-pocket expenses for D/MC methadone maintenance services during the time period between July 1, 1993, and June 30, 1994.

As stated in the Medi-Cal Notices, clients may be eligible for reimbursement if they meet all three requirements listed below:

1. The client was Medi-Cal eligible between July 1, 1993, and June 30, 1994; AND
2. The client paid for methadone maintenance services between July 1, 1993, and June 30, 1994;

AND

3. The clinic the client paid for the services between July 1, 1993, and June 30, 1994, was Medi-Cal certified.

REFERENCES

The requirements of the Quilling v. Belshé court order are identified in Case No. 979-404, which was settled by the Superior Court of the State of California for the City and County of San Francisco on September 24, 1998.

HISTORY

The Sobky v. Smoley court order was filed in federal court on August 22, 1994. That court order was for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who received outpatient methadone maintenance services on or after July 1, 1994, and paid out-of-pocket expenses for the services while placed on a D/MC waiting list or who were denied services due to program budgetary restraints.

The Quilling v. Belshé court order is subsequent to the Sobky v. Smoley court order. The Quilling v. Belshé court order is for eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries who paid for D/MC methadone maintenance services to a certified D/MC clinic during the time period between July 1, 1993, and June 30, 1994.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call the Quilling v. Belshé hotline number at (916) 323-0447.

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1: Medi-Cal Notice (English)
- Exhibit 2: Medi-Cal Notice (Spanish)
- Exhibit 3: Claim Form
- Exhibit 4: Quilling v. Belshé Court Order

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