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ADP BULLETIN

Title  QUILLING. V. BELSHÉ COURT ORDER - REQUIREMENT THAT NARCOTIC TREATMENT PROGRAMS POST NOTICE		Issue Date: 9/24/98 Expiration Date: 12/30/98	Issue No. 98-49
Deputy Director Approval GLORIA J. MERK, II Program Operations Division	Function <input type="checkbox"/> Information Management <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance <input type="checkbox"/> Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal <input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court Order	Supersedes Bulletin/ADP Letter No. N/A	

PURPOSE

As part of the *Quilling v. Belshé* court order, this is notification that **all Narcotic Treatment Programs 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.

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.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the *Quilling v. Belshé* court order, the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) are ordered to reimburse eligible clients for out-of-pocket expenses for Drug/Medi-Cal (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;

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 is 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

To ensure that the program is in compliance with the court order, please complete the enclosed **Receipt/Posting Form** and mail it by **October 16, 1998** to:

California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
Fiscal Management Branch
ATTN: Susan Wilson
1700 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-4037

In addition to the Receipt/Posting Form, ADP monitoring staff will be ensuring that the Medi-Cal Notices (both English and Spanish) are posted during the time frame of October 1, 1998, through December 30, 1998.

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

EXHIBITS

- (1) Medi-Cal Notice (English) - 5 copies
- (2) Medi-Cal Notice (Spanish) - 5 copies
- (3) Claim Form - 5 copies
- (4) Receipt/Posting Form - 1 copy
- (5) *Quilling v. Belshé* Court Order - 1 copy

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