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FAX COVER SHEET

TO: All ADHC Providers

FROM: Adult Day Health Care Branch

DATE: November 23, 2011

SUBJECT: ADHC Extension / Program Updates

This fax is being sent to provide information regarding the extension of the ADHC benefit through February 2012 and various program updates.

Additional information may be obtained on the following websites:

- DHCS ADHC Transition website at <http://DHCS.ca.gov/ADHCtransition>
- CDA ADHC website at www.aging.ca.gov/programs/adhc

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Date: November 23, 2011
To: Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Center Administrators and Program Directors
From: The California Department of Aging (CDA) ADHC Branch
Subject: **ADHC Extended through February 2012; Program Updates**

This letter provides information regarding the status of the Medi-Cal ADHC optional benefit elimination, the settlement agreement reached in the lawsuit challenging the elimination of the ADHC benefit, and clarification regarding continuing operations and provider responsibilities.

***Delay of ADHC
Benefit
Elimination***

On November 17, 2011, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Disability Rights California (DRC) announced that parties in the lawsuit Darling et al. v. Douglas et al., challenging the scheduled December 1, 2011, elimination of the ADHC benefit reached a settlement agreement. Per the agreement, DHCS has extended the ADHC benefit for an additional 90 days, until February 29, 2012. Beginning March 1, 2012, the ADHC program will end as an optional Medi-Cal benefit and a new program called Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) will become available to eligible individuals. More detailed information about eligibility and how to become a CBAS provider will be available shortly. You may view the news release and additional information regarding the settlement at:
<http://DHCS.ca.gov/ADHCtransition> and www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org.

***Clarification
Regarding
November
Beneficiary
Notice***

In mid-November, DHCS sent a regularly scheduled quarterly letter to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries that referenced the ADHC elimination date of December 1, 2011. This notice was sent **prior** to the November 17, 2011, lawsuit settlement. Per the settlement agreement, ADHC will **NOT** be eliminated December 1, 2011, as indicated in that letter. Rather, the ADHC benefit has been extended until February 29, 2012. DHCS apologizes for any confusion and encourages you to clarify any confusion with your participants and families.

***Applying
To Become
A CBAS
Provider***

ADHC providers interested in applying to become a CBAS provider under the new program created by the settlement agreement should be aware of the following:

- DHCS is in the process of revising the CBAS application that you may have completed and submitted to DHCS to provide CBAS services under the In-Home Operations (IHO) waiver.
- CDA and DHCS will send further instructions to ADHC providers who have already filed the CBAS application regarding the need to complete additional application materials.
- If you have **not** submitted a CBAS application, please do not submit an application until you receive further instruction regarding the revised application.

Current Program Requirements And Certification Activities

ADHC centers maintaining operations and wishing to continue in the new CBAS program must remain in compliance with ADHC program requirements for licensure and certification. In the coming months, CDA will continue certification and oversight activities, including sending applications for renewal for providers with certification periods set to expire and conducting onsite surveys.

Please continue to file required reports to CDA as follows:

- Monthly Statistical Summary Reports (MSSRs) by the 10th of each month.
- Staffing/Services Arrangement (ADH 0006) forms updated and submitted within 10 days of staff changes.

Center Closure

Providers anticipating closure should review the requirements for notification and discharge of participants and records storage and retention. Information including website links and resources can be found on the CDA website under the ADHC tab titled "Activities Prior to Center Closure" at www.aging.ca.gov/programs/adhc/ADHC. Please notify CDA staff prior to anticipated changes to center operations so that we may provide assistance. Providers are encouraged to contact their CDPH Licensing District Office to discuss their center closure plans including licensure actions that may be needed.

Inquiries

Additional information, forms, and helpful links can be found at:

- CDA ADHC website at www.aging.ca.gov/programs/adhc
- DHCS ADHC Transition website at <http://DHCS.ca.gov/ADHCtransition>
- DHCS ADHC Email: adhc-transition@dhcs.ca.gov
- CDA ADHC Branch: (916) 419-7545
- California Department of Public Health:
 - Orange County Licensing District Office: (714) 567-2906
 - San Jose Licensing District Office: (408) 277-1784