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TO: Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Center Administrators and Program Directors

FROM: The California Department of Aging (CDA) ADHC Branch

SUBJECT: ADHC PROGRAM UPDATES

This letter provides information regarding recent statutory changes to the Medi-Cal ADHC Program benefit, clarification regarding continuing provider responsibilities, and resources to assist ADHC providers.

MEDI-CAL ADHC PROGRAM LEGISLATION

On March 24, 2011, Assembly Bill (AB) 97 was enacted, authorizing the elimination of the Medi-Cal ADHC Program, an optional Medi-Cal benefit under California's State Medicaid Plan. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14589.5(d) specifies the effective date for the elimination as: "... the first day of the first calendar month following 90 days after the effective date of the act that adds this section or on the first day of the first calendar month following 60 days after the date the department secures all necessary federal approvals to implement this section, whichever is later."

Please note that while the effective date for Medi-Cal ADHC program elimination cannot be determined prior to federal approval, ADHC providers must continue to comply with all ADHC program requirements for as long as the provider continues to operate and provide ADHC services.

CONTINUING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The following are reminders regarding ADHC program requirements:

- **Filing Required Reports**
 - Monthly Statistical Summary Reports (MSSR) must be sent to CDA by the 10th of each month.
 - ADHC Annual Cost Reports (ACR) must be submitted to DHCS Audits and Investigations within 150 days of the provider's fiscal year end. In the event of center closure, final cost reports must be submitted within 90 days.



- **Certification Renewal Activities**

CDA continues to notify providers of Medi-Cal certification expiration dates and required application filing for renewal. Providers wishing to renew certification must submit the required application. CDA will continue to conduct certification renewal surveys.

- **Discharge Planning**

Discharge planning continues to be a required component of the ADHC multidisciplinary team (MDT) assessment/reassessment process (Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Sections 54213 and 78345). The MDT must develop a plan for each participant within six months of admission to the center and update that plan at the time of each reassessment. While the effective date for Medi-Cal ADHC program elimination is not yet determined, ADHC providers are encouraged to begin updating discharge plans and preparing for the discharge process for all Medi-Cal participants to ensure smooth transition to other Medi-Cal services, social services, and respite services. Each discharge plan should be updated to reflect the participant's current health status and address the level of care and services that may be needed in the absence of ADHC services. Health records for discharged participants must include documentation of any referrals made by the MDT, consultation provided to families and caregivers, and home visits made in preparation for discharge.

- **Center Closure**

Providers anticipating closure should review the requirements for notification and discharge of participants and records storage and retention. Information regarding orderly center closure, including website links and resources, can be found on the CDA website under the document titled "Activities Prior to Center Closure" at www.aging.ca.gov/programs/adhc/ADHC_Forms.asp. Please notify CDA staff prior to anticipated changes to center operations so that we may provide assistance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **ADHC Program Information**

- Additional information, forms, and helpful links, including links to the Medi-Cal Newsroom, can be found under the ADHC tab on the CDA website at www.aging.ca.gov.
- Direct access to the DHCS website can be found at www.dhcs.ca.gov.
- For general ADHC program questions and assistance, please call the CDA ADHC Branch at (916) 419-7545.
- Questions regarding Treatment Authorization Requests (TAR) should be directed to the Los Angeles Medi-Cal Field Office at (213) 897-1194.

- **Legislative Information**

- Full text of AB 97, enacted on March 24, 2011, can be viewed on the California Legislative Information website at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

Further information regarding Medi-Cal ADHC elimination will be provided as it becomes available.