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To: Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Center Administrators and Program Directors

From: The California Department of Aging (CDA) CBAS Branch

Subject: Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) Processing and Settlement Addendum Updates

Purpose

This letter provides information regarding TAR processing for ADHC participants determined to be ineligible for CBAS and the recent addendum to the Darling v. Douglas settlement.

TAR Processing

For ADHC participants found ineligible for the new CBAS Program, ADHC approved Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) will be end-dated as of March 31, 2012. CBAS providers will not be able to bill for any services provided on or after April 1, 2012, against these end-dated TARs. Providers will be receiving an Adjudication Response Notice reflective of the end-dating of TARs with a message stating "ADHC benefit ended March 31, 2012; ineligible for CBAS."

For those participants that are authorized to continue to receive CBAS services until a fair hearing decision is reached or enhanced case management (ECM) is completed (i.e., those individuals listed as Ineligible - CBAS Paid Pending), the CBAS center will need to submit a new TAR to the Los Angeles Medi-Cal Field Office. The words CBAS PENDING need to be written or entered in the Miscellaneous TAR Information section for coverage of CBAS beginning April 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2012. Once ECM is completed or the final decision is made on the fair hearing, the CBAS PENDING TAR will be end-dated.

Settlement Addendum

On March 29, 2012, parties to the Darling v. Douglas lawsuit and settlement agreed to amend the settlement agreement. The amendment specifies the following with regard to ineligible participants who prevail at fair hearing:

“The parties agree that Class Members who were determined ineligible for CBAS prior to April 1, 2012, who were not eligible to receive CBAS-pending, but who prevail at their respective fair hearings, will be deemed eligible for CBAS retroactive to the date of CBAS implementation, April 1, 2012.”

Please note that this change to the rules for retroactive payment supersedes guidance previously specified in the March 27, 2012, letter to CBAS providers sent by CDA with the CBAS eligibility and ineligibility lists.

Inquiries

For questions about this letter, call the CDA CBAS Branch at (916) 419-7545. Please direct questions about TARs to the Los Angeles Medi-Cal Field Office at (213) 897-0745.