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TO: Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Providers
FROM: CBAS Branch
DATE: October 9, 2012
SUBJECT: Letter to CBAS Centers with High Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service Choice Rates

The attached letter is being sent to CBAS centers with significant percentages of participants who chose to remain in Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service, instead of choosing to enroll in Medi-Cal Managed Care.

For More Information:

Access the following websites:

- ✓ <http://DHCS.ca.gov/ADHCtransition>
- ✓ www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/ADHC-CBAS/Default.asp

Contact DHCS or CDA by email at:

- ✓ DHCS – CBAS@DHCS.ca.gov
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Dear CBAS Center Administrator and Program Director:

I'm writing to you today because a significant number of the participants at your CBAS Center have chosen to remain in Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) instead of choosing to enroll in Medi-Cal Managed Care. Because CBAS will only be available to these participants through Medi-Cal Managed Care and because these participants have chosen to remain in FFS, their CBAS benefit will be discontinued effective November 1, 2012.

Over the past two months, the California Department of Aging (CDA) has partnered with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide clear information to physicians, hospitals, professional associations, and CBAS providers to help them understand the benefits of a coordinated system of care, to clarify that these providers can continue treating their Medicare patients who are CBAS participants if they enroll in Medi-Cal Managed Care, and how they can go about doing that.

We have co-hosted physician-focused conference calls, presented at association meetings, issued frequently asked questions (FAQs), and individually contacted specific physicians and practitioners that have been identified as encouraging their patients to choose to remain in Medi-Cal FFS. We continue to try to clarify misunderstandings that some beneficiaries have and to correct misinformation that they may have received.

In the coming weeks, CDA CBAS Branch staff will be calling your Center to identify any further assistance we can provide to ensure that your participants have the accurate information they need to make an informed choice, including being aware that they must choose to enroll in Medi-Cal Managed Care in October in order to continue receiving uninterrupted CBAS effective November 1, 2012. CDA staff will also work with you on completing discharge plans as necessary for those participants who do choose to remain in FFS.

If you would like any additional assistance over these next very important two weeks, even an onsite visit to your center by State representatives or for us to reach out to specific physicians to address concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Denise Peach, Chief of the CBAS Branch, immediately. She can be reached at (916) 419-7549.

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Thank you for your assistance at this critical point in helping participants make informed choices and in our continuing efforts to ensure continued delivery of CBAS benefits for individuals in need of these services.

Sincerely,


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