



Countywide Services Agency

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## County of Sacramento

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To: Participants of Sacramento County Medically Indigent Services Program (CMISP) and Recipients of General Assistance

From: Ann Edwards-Buckley, Director of Health and Human Services

Re: Termination of Third-Party Administrator Services with University of California at Davis Medical Center

This letter is to inform participants of a significant change in the hospitals which participate in the CMIS program. Effective September 1, 2009 the University of California at Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) no longer is a County third-party administrator contracted hospital for CMISP beneficiaries. Accordingly, the CMIS program is not responsible for payment of any type of medical services rendered to CMIS participants at UCDMC.

The County of Sacramento continues to contract with Mercy hospitals and Sutter hospitals within Sacramento County. All hospitals outside of the geographic boundaries of Sacramento County are excluded from this arrangement. If you receive medical care for a medical emergency at a contracted Mercy or Sutter hospital or are hospitalized at a contracted Mercy or Sutter hospital within Sacramento County, the CMIS program is responsible for payment of authorized, medically necessary emergency services. If you receive services in an emergency room, you are responsible to submit your Emergency Room referral form to the Department of Human Assistance within 30 days of receiving services.

If you receive any medical care from a non-contracted hospital, including UCDMC after September 1, 2009, the County is not responsible for payment of those services. Likewise, if you receive services from any hospital or emergency department for a condition that is not a medical emergency; the CMIS program is not responsible for payment for those non-emergency medical services. **You may be held personally liable for any services you receive at non-contracted hospitals or for any services that are not specifically provided to address a medical emergency.**

CMISP participants are encouraged to seek non-emergency primary medical care from County clinics. Enclosed is a list of those clinics and the hours of operation of those facilities. CMISP participants are discouraged from seeking non-emergency medical care or primary care from any hospital emergency department. If you are eligible and the medical service falls within the authorized scope of the CMIS program, the County will refer you to a contracted provider if the medical care cannot be provided at a County of Sacramento medical clinic.

Sincerely,

Ann Edwards-Buckley