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Division: Health & Long  
Term Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Child Teen Health Program Annual Informing

ATTACHMENTS: Fact Sheet on CTHP and WIC extracted from the  
recertification package  
(available on-line)

The purpose of the Child/Teen Health Program (CTHP) is directed toward assisting Medicaid eligible children under 21 years of age in obtaining ongoing primary and preventive health care in order to identify any physical or mental problems and to provide treatment to correct or ameliorate such problems or chronic conditions. These services are referred to federally as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services. EPSDT services are a mandated Medicaid service.

Federal and state regulations require that each household with Medicaid eligible children must be informed in writing at least annually of the availability of CTHP services. The State Department of Social Services is responsible for the annual informing.

In response to local district requests, districts now have the option to recertify MA cases through the Client Notice System (CNS) Recertification Batch Process. The MA Batch process was available July 8, 1996. (Please refer to your July 26, 1996 "Dear WMS/CNS Coordinator letter" for information regarding the batch notice process.) The Department is utilizing the CNS Recertification Batch Process to satisfy the CTHP annual informing requirement. A fact sheet on CTHP and WIC was included with the MA Batch process mailing and is attached for your information. Since this is a batch process, the CTHP fact sheet cannot be sent separately. When districts receive MA Denial/Batch Process training and are in the parallel process, Batch capability will be made available.

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THE CHILD/TEEN HEALTH PROGRAM  
Fact Sheet

What is C/THP?

The Child/Teen Health Program is a preventive health program which provides continuing medical care to your children. C/THP makes use of a full range of health care services to detect health problems before they become serious and hard to treat.

Who is eligible for C/THP?

Every Medicaid recipient, from birth until age 21, is eligible.

Why C/THP?

C/THP is important because it provides a child with early and regular health care. It assures a child of better health now and fewer health problems in the future. Depending on the age of a child, a C/THP screening will include:

Health History	Hearing and Vision Testing
Complete Physicals	Blood Tests (such as lead level, sickle cell and anemia)
Immunizations	Developmental assessment
Dental Screenings	

You may request C/THP for all or any services not provided by your children's regular source of care. The examination is free to eligible children. Your child's medical provider will arrange for Follow-up Treatment of problems uncovered during the examination.

Where do you find C/THP?

If you are enrolled in a managed care plan, the plan provides C/THP.

If you are not enrolled in a managed care plan, you can call your local department of social services to locate a provider for your children.

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SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM  
FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Do you want to stay healthy during your pregnancy? Do you want your children to grow into healthy adults? WIC offers free food, tips to stretch your food budget and ways to prepare healthy meals.

If you have a Medicaid card, applying for WIC is easier than ever. For the location of the WIC office nearest you call 1-800-522-5006.

THE CHILD/TEEN HEALTH PROGRAM  
Hoja de Datos

¿Qué es C/THP?

Child/Teen Health Program es un programa de salud preventivo que provee cuidado médico continuo para sus niños. C/THP hace uso de los servicios de cuidado de salud a su alcance para detectar problemas de salud antes de que sean serios y dificultosos para tratar.

¿Quién es elegible para C/THP?

Todo beneficiario de Medicaid, desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años, es elegible.

¿Por qué C/THP?

C/THP es importante porque provee al niño con cuidado de salud regular y temprano. C/THP asegura mejor salud al niño ahora y menos problemas de salud en el futuro. Dependiendo de la edad del niño, el examen de C/THP incluye:

Historia de salud	Pruebas para la vista y la audición
Examen Físico Completo	Pruebas para determinar el nivel de
Immunizaciones	plomo en la sangre, células
Dental Screening	falsiformes y anemia
Evaluación del desarrollo	

Usted puede solicitar C/THP para todos o cualquier servicio que su doctor regular no provea a sus niños. El examen es gratis para los niños elegibles. Los proveedores médicos de su niño(a) harán los arreglos necesarios para tratamiento de problemas descubiertos durante el examen.

¿Dónde encuentra usted C/THP?

Si usted esta inscrito en un plan cuidado administrado (MANAGED CARE), el plan provee C/THP (Programa de salud para hijos menores y adolescentes).

Si usted no esta inscrito en un plan de cuidado administrado (MANAGED CARE), usted puede llamar a su oficina local del departamento de servicios sociales para localizar un proveedor para sus hijos.

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Programa Especial de Alimentos Suplementarios  
para Nyheres, Bebes y Niños

¿Quiere estar saludable durante su embarazo? ¿Quiere que sus hijos crezcan y lleguen a ser adultos saludables? WIC le ofrece comida gratis, ideas acerca de cómo ampliar su presupuesto alimenticio y maneras para preparar comidas saludables.

Si usted tiene una tarjeta del Medicaid, el solicitar los beneficios del programa de WIC será más fácil que nunca. Para encontrar la oficina de WIC más cercana a usted, llame al 1-800-522-5006.