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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF MEDI-CAL CLAIMS

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has adopted Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 1840.112, "MHP Certification of Claims and Program Integrity" as an emergency regulation effective July 1, 2003. A copy of the regulation is attached.

The regulation requires that mental health plans (MHPs) provide additional certifications related to the MHPs' compliance with specific statutory, regulatory and contractual obligations that are conditions for Medi-Cal reimbursement of Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claims. DMH has revised the standard DMH form (MH1982A) for certification of these types of Medi-Cal claims to meet the new requirements. A copy of the form is attached and will also be available through DMH Information Technology Web Services (ITWS) on the DMH website at www.dmh.ca.gov. MHPs must begin using the new form or their own forms with the new language added for claims submitted to DMH on or after July 1, 2003.

The program integrity requirements included in the regulation are effective August 13, 2003, based on the required implementation date of the new federal regulation (Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 438.608) incorporated by reference in Section 1840.112. DMH will be clarifying the State's expectations in this area in your DMH/MHP renewal contract for fiscal year 2003-04, which should be sent to you shortly. The contract will require that MHPs begin implementation of the new requirements on August 13, 2003 and report progress to DMH on October 15, 2003, January 15, 2004, and April 15, 2004.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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