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DATE: September 20, 2013

TO: All MSI CMAT's and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Anthony Rose, MSI Administrator

HCA/Medical Services Initiative

SUBJECT: MSI Applications in October, November, and December 2013

In the past week, the MSI Program has received a number of pertinent questions about the future of the MSI Program and whether or not it is necessary to continue to take applications for the MSI Program between now and the end of the year.

The short answer is "Yes". Every CMAT should continue to take applications for those who desire to enroll in the MSI Program through December 31, 2013. As we move closer to the end of the year, it is important that everyone take note of the following:

- The MSI Program plans to extend the eligibility of all current MSI members who have eligibility end dates of October 31, 2013, November 30, 2013, or December 31, 2013. These members do not need to reapply. They will receive a special Notice of Action informing them of this change. Again, they will not need an appointment to reapply.
- The MSI Program, as it currently exists, will end on December 31, 2013. The majority of MSI clients will
 transition seamlessly to an expanded Medi-Cal program administered by CalOptima. The rest will be eligible
 for government assistance to purchase insurance from Covered California the State's health insurance
 marketplace (www.coveredca.com).
- 3. All CMAT's should be prepared to continue to take applications for the MSI Program until March 31, 2014. Any application approved after January 1, 2014 will be for <u>retroactive eligibility for services provided on or before December 31, 2013.</u> HCA will develop an application for the forthcoming "Medical Safety Net Program" which will begin in January 2014.

The MSI Program will notify all MSI enrollees of the forthcoming changes beginning in October 2013. Copies of all notices will be distributed to the entire CMAT network. Please contact HASC at 714-750-2688 or MSI at 714-834-6248 if you have any further questions. Many thanks to all of you for your dedication and service to the MSI population.

