

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

between

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

TITLE XIX MEDICAID AGENCY

and the

TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AGENCY

I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The California Department of Health Services (DHS) is the authorized state agency for the administration of both Title V and Title XIX of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended. Within DHS, authority and responsibility for the conduct of the programs authorized by the respective Titles of the Act have been delegated to the Primary Care and Family Health Division and its Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Children's Medical Services (CMS) Branches in respect to Title V, and to the Medical Care Services Division in respect to Title XIX.

Within DHS, the MCH Branch has the lead role to administer the federal MCH Block Grant as the Title V lead agency. In this effort, MCH assists the Title XIX agency in the implementation of health care reform through managed care, uniform eligibility for service, and common intake forms.

Title V establishes state programs through which federal and state funds are used to assure high quality, comprehensive and coordinated systems of health care for mothers, children and their families. With recent expansions of services and eligibility for children and pregnant women in the Medicaid program, the need for coordination and interaction between Title V and Title XIX has become particularly important to the effective and efficient delivery of health care and related services to this population. This interagency Agreement between the two state programs is an important element in fostering program coordination.

This document specifies the shared goals and objectives and sets forth the respective responsibilities of the two parties with respect to pregnant women and children, and provides the legal basis for this interagency Agreement. It is an update to the original Title V/Title XIX cooperative Agreement developed by DHS nearly 17 years ago.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is effective as of the date of the signature of the parties to the Agreement. The Agreement will continue in effect unless revised or canceled.

III. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

The parties to this Agreement are the California Medical Assistance program (hereinafter referred to as Medi-Cal) for Title XIX, the Children's Medical Services Branch (hereinafter referred to as CMS), and the Maternal and Child Health Branch (hereinafter referred to as MCH) programs for Title V.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the Deputy Director of Medical Care Services is authorized to enter Agreements and make commitments which will be binding on the operation of the Title XIX program; and the Deputy Director, Primary Care and Family Health, is authorized to enter Agreements and make commitments which will be binding on the operations of the Title V program. Additional signatories representing their respective domains in negotiating and implementing the provisions of this Agreement are the:

- Chief, Medi-Cal Policy Division
- Chief, Medi-Cal Operations Division
- Chief, Payment Systems Division
- Chief, Medi-Cal Managed Care Division

- Chief, Children's Medical Services Branch
- Chief, Maternal Child Health Branch
- Chief, Office of Family Planning
- Chief, Womens, Infants and Childrens (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Branch
- Chief, Genetic Disease Branch
- Chief, Primary and Rural Health Systems Branch

IV. AUTHORITY FOR THE AGREEMENT

When the Medicaid program was enacted into law as Public Health Law 89-97 in 1965, the statute included a requirement that the State Medicaid agency develop cooperative arrangements with various state agencies responsible for administering or supervising the administration of health services. Amendments to the law in 1967 made the relationship between Title V and Medicaid explicit by mandating Agreements with the state Title V agency. The relevant provision of this federal Medicaid legislation was amended again in 1981 (§1902 (a)(11)) requiring a state's Medicaid plan to provide for the state Medicaid agency to enter into

