

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-39-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Prenatal Care Guidance Program

The Prenatal Care Guidance Program is a relatively new program which provides for obstetrical case management for Medi-Cal eligible pregnant women through the local Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) unit. This program focuses on informing, motivating and assisting pregnant women with early and appropriate prenatal care. The long-range goal is to maximize the number of healthy, full-term infants and thereby help to reduce future medical costs for care of these infants.

For this program to be successful, early and positive communication regarding prenatal care is essential. Counties are encouraged to advise their AFDC clients during intake that prenatal care is available and refer them to local CHDP units for guidance. This activity should be quite brief and require only a minimal amount of eligibility worker time. Some Counties have already recognized the importance of prenatal care services and are informing their pregnant clients during intake through the usual CHDP process.

If you have any prenatal care service questions, please contact your local CHDP unit. If you have any AFDC program concerns, you may contact Lesile Frye, Chief of the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 322-4408.

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