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The Fresno Medi-Cal Field Office (FMCFO), located at 3374 East Shields Avenue, Suite C-4 in Fresno, California, will close no earlier than November 2007.

The closure is part of a statewide effort to streamline Medi-Cal field office operations and to increase consistency in *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) decisions on behalf of Medi-Cal recipients.

Note: The closure of other Medi-Cal Field Offices is not being considered, and the Medical Case Management (MCM) program will not be closing.

The majority of TAR services currently handled by the Fresno Field Office staff will be redirected to other Medi-Cal field offices. Hospital onsite review of TARs at area hospitals will continue, as will local MCM activities.

Provider notification regarding specific details on the redirection of the various TAR types adjudicated by the FMCFO to other Medi-Cal field offices will be provided in future *Medi-Cal Updates* as information becomes available. The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) does not anticipate any negative impact to providers or recipients as a result of the closure of the FMCFO, as all TAR and MCM services will continue.

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