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TO: LOCAL REGISTRARS OF BIRTH AND DEATH  
CHIEF DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF BIRTH AND DEATH  
COUNTY RECORDERS  
HOSPITAL NURSE MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO PAGE 166 OF THE BIRTH AND DEATH  
REGISTRATION HANDBOOK AS ISSUED IN ACL 04-11

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**Correction.** This letter corrects instructions on page 166 of the Birth and Death Registration Handbook for completing field 25D, “Principal Source of Payment for Prenatal Care.”

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**Handbook changes.** The handbook has been updated to reflect corrections described in this letter, and the corrected page is enclosed.

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**Background.** The State is collecting data on “principal source of payment” separately for prenatal care and for delivery. For prenatal care, the State is including payments made by Indian Health Service and by CHAMPUS/TRICARE within code 05. For delivery, on the other hand, the State is asking that payments made by Indian Health Service be reported with code 15 and payments made by CHAMPUS/TRICARE be reported with code 16.

Instructions on page 166 of the handbook as issued with ACL 04-11, for principal source of payment for prenatal care (field 25D, code 05) are incorrect.

**Correct handbook text.** The **CORRECT** version reads:

“Any form of payment by government agencies, whether federal, state, or local *except* Medi-Cal. Coded here are Indian Health Service and CHAMPUS/TRICARE.”

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**Questions?**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your  
Policy/County Analyst.

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