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TO: Executive Directors
Proposition 36 Community Assessment Services Centers

FROM: Wayne K. Sugita, M.P.A., Acting Director 
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SUBJECT: **PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO THE PROPOSITION 36 REFERRAL PROCESS INVOLVING MISDEMEANOR OFFENDERS**

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce that due to the recent funding reductions to the Proposition 36 program by the State, it is necessary to revise the referral process of the misdemeanants referred to Proposition 36 treatment in Los Angeles County. Effective December 1, 2008, the Community Assessment Services Centers' (CASCs) referral process of Proposition 36 participants sentenced on a misdemeanor case will change.

The following procedures will be implemented and adhered to by the CASCs:

1. The CASCs will review the Treatment, Court, Probation eXchange (TCPX) system before the assessment process to determine whether the referred participant falls under a misdemeanor or felony case.
2. The TCPX system has been updated to include a new indicator on the "Assessment Results and Referrals" screen that will identify the status of the participant as a misdemeanor or felony case.
3. Cases referred by the Proposition 36 Courts and designated on TCPX as misdemeanors will not undergo the standard CASC assessment process. Instead they are to be processed using a "brief screening" to determine if the participant may require detox, ancillary and/or other supportive service referrals.
4. All Proposition 36 misdemeanors are to be referred directly into a Level 1 treatment component.

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5. All felony cases will continue to be assessed as usual, with no change to the assessment and/or referral process.
6. If the TCPX system does not identify whether the participant falls under a misdemeanor or felony status, the CASC will process the case as a felony.
7. All Parole and Out-of-County referrals are excluded from this change.
8. Treatment providers should note that there will be no change to Level 1 as a result of this policy change.
9. ADPA will work closely with the CASCs to address and resolve issues as they arise in relation to this new policy.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your assigned Contract Program Auditor or the Proposition 36 Helpline at (888) 742-7900, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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