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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Mental Health Directors
All County Public Health Directors

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ELIMINATION OF THE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS (QSRs)

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that effective January 1, 2001, the Department of Health Services is eliminating the mandatory Medi-Cal quarterly status report requirement for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, pursuant to Assembly Bill 2877, Chapter 93, Statutes of 2000.

This policy change eliminates the quarterly status report beginning with any QSRs that would have been due to be returned to the county after January, 2001. This means that beginning January 1, 2001, counties may not take any adverse action based on incomplete or nonreceipt of QSRs. Please note that beneficiaries still have the responsibility to report, within ten days, any information that may affect their Medi-Cal eligibility, such as changes in income, property, family, composition, other health coverage, change of address, etc. Counties must act on any such changes that they are aware of, whether reported directly by beneficiaries, changes received from the December 2000 QSR or in conjunction with other public assistance programs (such as when a County has generic eligibility workers for the multiple public assistance programs and thereby become aware of such changes).

Counties should initiate those activities, which are necessary to ensure that QSRs are no longer mailed after December 2000. In the event that data systems or other changes cannot be made in time to stop such mailing, counties, as stated above, are not to take any adverse action for incomplete QSRs or for those which are not returned.

If you have any questions regarding this policy change, please contact Ms.Tanya Homman of my staff at (916) 657-1469.

Sincerely,

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