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

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LYNCH V. RANK (PICKLE) – TICKLER SYSTEM

Ref.: Pickle Handbook, Section 4, Pages 4-1 through 4-13

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to inform you that the Department of Health Services will mail out Pickle Tickler Notices of Action (NOAs) the first week of January 2001 to individuals who: (1) currently receive Title II (RSDI), Social Security benefits; (2) have been discontinued from the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program since January 2000 (for any reason); and (3) were determined ineligible during the Pickle screening process. A copy of the NOA (Notice Type 52) is enclosed.

Counties should receive their individual Pickle Tickler computer report the third week in January 2001. A sample copy of the Tickler computer listing is enclosed. Additionally, pursuant to the LYNCH v. RANK lawsuit, each potentially eligible Pickle individual must receive a Pickle Medi-Cal notice for three consecutive years. Therefore, the January 2001 Tickler report will now only list potential Pickle eligible for the years of 1998, 1999, and 2000. Individuals listed during previous years will be dropped from the report. Henceforth, one year of ineligibles will be purged each year.

In addition, the lawsuit requires that each of the individuals on the Pickle Tickler listing who has an active Medi-Cal case or who brings the Tickler notice into the county welfare department to apply under the Pickle amendment shall have an eligibility determination completed in accordance with Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50189. The eligibility determination shall take place within 30 days of the month preceding or following the Title II, Social Security cost-of-living adjustment.

Please refer to Section 4, pages 4-1 through 4-13 of your Pickle Handbook for specific instructions on county responsibilities for completing Pickle determinations.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cecilia Kelley of my staff at (916) 657-0168.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures