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

Letter No.: 00-68

FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION TO ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER NO: 00-57, AGED AND DISABLED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (A&D FPL) PROGRAM

The aid codes for this program will not be available on our Medi-Cal Eligibility Database System (MEDS) until February Month of Eligibility. Therefore, counties should put eligible individuals and couples for this program in no share-of-cost (SOC) aid codes such as 14, 24, and 64. Counties are asked to input the correct aid codes at renewal time, and when new FPL income limits are used or anytime the case file is updated.

Individuals in Aid Code 58 who qualify for the A&D FPL program should stay in this aid code but without a SOC.

Referral of Blind Applicants - Individuals who are receiving Title II benefits, **DO NOT** need an additional disability referral to State Programs-Disability Adult Program Division (SP-DAPD). The criteria for determination of blindness under the Title II program meet the definition of disability.

However, the criteria for determination of blindness under Title XVI or XIX are not the same as the Title II program; therefore, individuals who were determined to be blind by Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program or SP-DAPD may not necessarily meet the definition of disability. As a result, individuals who were found blind by SSI/SSP or SP-DAPD and are applying for the A&D FPL program must be referred to SP-DAPD to be evaluated for disability before benefits under the A&D FPL program can be granted.

When counties make a disability referral to SP-DAPD on a blind individual, a full disability packet must be submitted. In Item 10 of the MC221, Disability Determination and Transmittal form, counties should state: "Referral is for the A&D FPL program. Applicants currently blind need to be evaluated for disability." If no comment is stated in Item 10, SP-DAPD may return the referral without an evaluation.

When SP-DAPD completes an evaluation on a blind applicant applying for the A&D FPL program, and determines that the applicant is also disabled because he or she meets the Title II definition of blindness, the MC221 will state "This applicant's impairment meets the SSA definition of disability."

In-Home Supportive Services/Personal Care Services Program (PCSP), program managers will be provided instructions on processing PCSP recipients eligible for the A&D FPL program. The Department of Social Services plans to release an All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) that will provide them instructions for their cases.

If you have any questions regarding this ACWDL, please contact Mr. Craig Yagi at (916) 657-1182.

Sincerely,

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