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To: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Pickle Coordinators

SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS DISCONTINUED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1994 (Lynch v. Rank)--503 LEADS

Ref.: Pickle Handbook, 503 Leads, Section 3, pages 3-1 through 3-3

The above referenced section of the Pickle Handbook describes procedures counties are to follow upon receipt of the 503 Leads File Report. Pickle Coordinators will receive the initial listing the third week in January 1994; a sample of the 503 Leads File Report is enclosed. It will contain the names and addresses of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who were discontinued from the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) effective January 1994 due to the Title II Social Security cost of living increase. Presumptive Pickle eligibility has been established on MEDS for these individuals for January through April 1994.

Counties will receive additional monthly updated reports during the months of February through November 1994. The updated 503 Leads File Reports will indicate those individuals, if any, for whom counties still must conduct a Pickle determination. Problems previously identified with these reports have been corrected. Additional names will not be added to the updated reports; however, the names of those individuals who: 1) have been reinstated on SSI/SSP, 2) had their Pickle status updated, or 3) have been determined Medi-Cal eligible for Pickle, In-Home Supportive Services or Long Term Care will be deleted as updated reports are generated. Once all of the names have been deleted, your county will no longer receive the 503 Leads File Report.

At the same time the report is provided to you, Medi-Cal Pickle 503 Leads Notices (Type 51) are sent by the Department of Health Services (DHS) to affected beneficiaries. A sample copy of the Type 51 notice is enclosed; it now includes Food Stamp information.

Pursuant to the Lynch v. Rank court order, counties must ensure that the eligibility determination on these 503 Leads individuals is completed prior to April 30, 1994. If a delay has prevented counties from contacting or completing a determination on the remaining individuals by the end of April month of eligibility (MOE), Medi-Cal cards must continue to be issued through the appropriate county until a determination has been completed. Please refer to 503 Leads, Section 3, pages 3-1 through 3-3 of your Pickle Handbook for instructions on extending Medi-Cal eligibility for the May MOE and ongoing until all redeterminations are completed.

NOTE: If Medi-Cal eligibility is established as a Pickle aid type, county welfare departments (CWDs) should submit updates to MEDS to establish ongoing eligibility. Since these records have a future term date, if an update is submitted prior to May MOE, the EW20 transaction must be submitted as an Inter Program Transfer (ESAC = 2 or 7). The Pickle status code will automatically be updated by these transactions.

However, if a beneficiary is determined to be currently ineligible for Medi-Cal benefits as a Pickle aid type, CWDs are required to submit an EW60 transaction (Modify Pickle Status Information) to MEDS to update the Pickle status to show that the beneficiary is potentially Pickle eligible (Tickler file).

Please direct any Pickle policy questions to Ms. Sylvia Finberg at (916) 657-0080. MEDS questions should be directed to the MEDS Coordinator in your county or for MEDS system problems call the MEDS "Hotline" at (916) 654-0341.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures