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

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ASSET WAIVER PROVISION IMPLEMENTATION

Ref.: Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual (MEM)--Section 5F

The purpose of this letter is to remind counties that, effective September 1,1994, the new Asset Waiver provision of the Medi-Cal program is in effect. This provision allows qualified pregnant women and infants up to one year of age, with income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, eligibility for Medi-Cal under the current Income Disregard program, regardless of their resources. With the implementation of this new federal program, there is no longer a need for the state-only 200 Percent program. Therefore, it has been discontinued effective September 1,1994. However, please note that those women and infants who were made eligible for the 200 Percent program prior to September 1, 1994, shall continue under those aid codes until their eligibility for this program ends.

It has been brought to our attention that in several counties pregnant women below 200 percent are still being screened out and/or denied Medi-Cal due to excess assets. Therefore, we ask that you please ensure all staff in your county are aware of the new provision and are adhering to the procedures as outlined in MEM Section 5F.

If you have any questions regarding implementation of the Asset Waiver provision, please contact Lisa Reagan of my staff at (916) 657-3719. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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