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

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USE OF THE SAWS 2A IN LIEU OF THE MC 219

The purpose of this letter is to remind counties that, for Medi-Cal only applications, the eligibility worker must review the MC 219 (Important Information For Persons Requesting Medi-Cal) with the applicant/beneficiary and the applicant/beneficiary must sign the MC 219.

It has come to our attention that some counties are under the impression that Statewide Automated Welfare System/Interim Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS/ISAWS) counties have received waivers from the Department of Health Services (DHS) to use the SAWS 2A (Important Information for Applicants and Recipients for Cash Aid, Food Stamps and Medical Assistance) in lieu of the MC 219. This is incorrect. No waivers have been or will be issued to use the SAWS 2A in lieu of the MC 219 for Medi-Cal only applications.

SAWS/ISAWS counties must manually issue the MC 219 and include a copy of the signed MC 219 in the case record. The SAWS generated SAWS 2A is not acceptable for Medi-Cal only cases.

There is one exception to this policy. For Aid to Families with Dependent Children applications which are denied, and a JA 2 Statement of Facts, or the SAWS 2 has been obtained, Medi-Cal eligibility shall be determined based on the information contained in the JA 2/SAWS 2. The MC 210 Statement of Facts and the MC 219 will not be required. The SAWS 2A is acceptable in these instances.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please direct them to Mr. Gary Varner of my staff at (916) 654-5321.

Sincerely,

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