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

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DENTAL SEALANT POSTERS

The Department of Health Services (DHS) recently settled a class action lawsuit, Barajas v. Belshè, concerning whether Medi-Cal must pay for dental sealants for children.

In this settlement, the DHS agreed to distribute copies of the enclosed poster to the following offices and request such posters be placed in a conspicuous area commencing May 15, 1994 and remain posted until July 15, 1994:

- County welfare department offices
- County Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) offices
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) offices
- Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) offices
- Food Stamp offices
- DHS Medi-Cal Field offices

County welfare directors are requested to coordinate distribution of the enclosed posters to their respective AFDC, GAIN, and Food Stamp offices. CHDP Director/Deputy Directors are to ensure posters are displayed in each of their county CHDP offices, and DHS' Medi-Cal Field offices to display posters in each of their public area bulletin boards.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter and/or require additional posters, you may contact the DHS' Dental Contract Section, at (916) 387-3120

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
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Enclosures

NOTICE: DENTAL SEALANT LAWSUIT SETTLED

The settlement of a class action lawsuit named Barajas v. Belshé affects whether Medi-Cal must pay for dental sealants for children. Dental Sealants are plastic films that are applied to teeth to help prevent tooth decay. The State has agreed to pay for dental sealants for certain children on Medi-Cal. On July 1, 1993, the State added dental sealants as a Medi-Cal benefit for children under the age of 21 who meet the State's criteria for sealants. Because the State has added dental sealants as a Medi-Cal benefit, the class members who brought this case have agreed to dismiss the lawsuit.

If you agree with the settlement, you do not have to do anything.

If you disagree with the settlement, you must write a letter no later than July 1, 1994 to the the attorney who represents the class, Alice Bussiere, National Center for Youth Law, 114 Sansome Street, 9th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104. The Court has scheduled a hearing on the settlement for September 12, 1994 in United States District Court in Sacramento. If you have sent a letter to the National Center for Youth Law by July 1, 1994, you may also appear in court and present your comments.

For a copy of the complete settlement agreement or for more information about the case, contact the National Center for Youth Law at the address above.

AVISO: SE HA LLEGADO A UN CONVENIO EN LA DEMANDA RELATIVA AL SELLADOR DENTAL

El convenio a que se llegó en la demanda colectiva conocida como Barajas vs. Belshé afecta si Medi-Cal tiene que pagar el costo de selladores dentales para niños. Los selladores dentales son una capa o cubrimiento de plástico que se aplica a los dientes para evitar las caries. El estado ha accedido a pagar el costo de selladores dentales para ciertos niños que reciben Medi-Cal. El 1° de julio de 1993, el estado agregó los selladores dentales como un beneficio de Medi-Cal para los niños menores de 21 años que reúnen los requisitos para la aplicación de selladores. Como el estado ha agregado los selladores dentales como beneficio de Medi-Cal, las personas que entablaron la demanda han accedido a desistirse de ésta.

Si usted está de acuerdo con el convenio, no tiene que hacer nada.

Si usted no está de acuerdo con el convenio, usted tiene que escribir una carta a más tardar el 1° de julio de 1994, a la abogada que representa la demanda: Alice Bussiere, National Center for Youth Law, 114 Sansome Street, 9th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104. La corte ha programado una audiencia concerniente al convenio para el 12 de septiembre de 1994 en la corte federal de distrito (United States District Court) en Sacramento. Si usted ha enviado una carta al *National Center for Youth Law* a más tardar el 1° de julio de 1994, usted también puede comparecer en la corte y presentar sus comentarios.

Para obtener una copia completa del convenio, o para obtener más información acerca del caso, comuníquese con el *National Center for Youth Law* a la dirección antes indicada.