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

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This All County Welfare Directors Letter is to inform you that the Department of Health Services (Department) will be terminating all lease agreements with the Health and Human Service Data Center for the Memorex display stations and printers located at county offices by July 2003.

The recent decline in state revenues and reductions in current year spending have prompted the Department to reassess the need to continue maintaining leased equipment and the data circuits supporting them in areas where county infrastructure and equipment exist that can be used for the same functions.

We recommend that counties begin evaluating site locations and internal data infrastructures and determine if existing county hardware and local area networks can support these same operational functions. Furthermore, printing immediate need Medi-Cal cards, the primary reason for leasing Memorex printers, is no longer required by the Department. The Medi-Cal providers using the Automated Eligibility Verification System, Point of Service device, the Claims and Eligibility Real Time System software, or other vender service software, can verify Medi-Cal eligibility with a plain paper version of the immediate need card created on a county printer until the plastic Medi-Cal card is mailed.

The Department extends our appreciation to the county staff who have already been working with the Department's Information and Technology and System Division staff in coordinating the equipment removal timelines for various site locations. If you have questions regarding this schedule, please contact Mr. Louie Baron at (916) 657-0611.

If you need to discuss the equipment removal further, please contact Mr. William Walsh, Chief, Policy Section B, at (916) 657-0062.

Sincerely,

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