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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 Ramos Coordinators

Letter No.: 02-26

INFORMATIONAL ALERT CONCERNING MEDI-MEDIs

The purpose of this letter is to alert counties that they may experience a temporary increase in the number of contacts with Medi-Cal individuals who are also Medicare eligibles (Medi-Medi). This occurrence is due to a recent, unusually large data processing run. This data processing run was the implementation of a data processing improvement change that allows the Department of Health Services (DHS) to identify more Medi-Cal beneficiaries that also have Medicare coverage, thus allowing DHS to cost avoid some medical costs that should be paid by Medicare.

If Medi-Cal beneficiaries contact the county regarding any Medicare Buy-in problems, please forward calls to the Medicare Buy-In staff at 1-866-227-9863 (this is a toll-free call). County staff may directly speak with the Buy-In Technician assigned to their county (see enclosed list).

If you have questions regarding this letter, please call Robin Jones at (916) 322-7843.

Sincerely,

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Richard Brantingham
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Enclosure

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