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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
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Letter No.: 03-53

SUBJECT: NEW MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM WAIVER (Reference 03-22)

The purpose of this letter is to provide more information about the new Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Waiver that was described in All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) 03-22.

Effective Date

Counties were informed that the aid codes for this waiver (1X and 1Y) were effective June 1, 2003; however, these aid codes were delayed and are not available until November 1, 2003. It is not necessary to report any individuals retroactively who were determined eligible for this waiver prior to November 1, 2003, to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) because they have not used any MSSP services.

Share-of-Cost (SOC)

This waiver is unlike the other special waivers that use institutional deeming rules in determining eligibility because the providers cannot accept payment from clients but must claim the payment from Medi-Cal; therefore, as explained in ACWDL 03-22, individuals that have been determined to have a SOC must meet their SOC at the first of the month based on the projected costs for his/her Personal Care Services Program (PCSP). Before counties may report the individual to MEDS in aid code 1Y (MSSP SOC), the case must be evaluated for PCSP services and determined to be income eligible for aid code 1F (Aged-PCSP) and 1F must be reported to MEDS.

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If the individual is ineligible for PCSP services due to excess income, then the individual is not eligible for the MSSP waiver. Counties should not report this person under aid code 1Y and a MSSP Denial Notice of Action (MC 366) should be sent using the "Other" box indicating that their income is in excess of their PCSP needs. A copy of this notice should be sent to the MSSP site contact person that was listed in ACWDL 03-22 as requested on their waiver referral notice (MC 364).

County Contact List

Enclosed is an updated list of the county contacts for waivers that require special income and property determinations (waiver of parental deeming and spousal impoverishment rules). If you have any changes, please report them to Ms. Margie Buzdas of my staff at (916) 552-9481 or email her at mbuzdas@dhs.ca.gov.

Original signed by

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Enclosure