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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 05-30E
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SUBJECT: ERRATA TO 05-30: CLARIFICATION OF MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEM TRANSACTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES

The purpose of this Errata is to clarify information in ACWDL 05-30 regarding the address information included in the online EW20 transaction. Please implement the instructions in this Errata regarding Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) transactions for Katrina evacuees.

Depending on the functionality of a county's batch system and the information reported to MEDS via batch system updates, counties may need to report eligibility for Hurricane Katrina beneficiaries via online updates to MEDS. For counties that will need to report Hurricane Katrina beneficiaries to MEDS via online updates, the online EW20 transaction has not yet been updated to allow reporting of multiple addresses. Therefore, counties will need to ensure that former residence and current mailing addresses are reported to MEDS on the application transaction (AP18). The EW20 transaction must then be submitted either without any address information or with the former residence address entered in the EW20 address fields.

Please note that if the online EW20 is transmitted without address information it will generate a warning error alert. In addition, please note that information transmitted via the address fields in the online EW20 overwrites the residence address fields in MEDS.

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Therefore, only information about the former residence address should be entered in the address fields of the online EW20.

Counties are required to update the MEDS records of any Medi-Cal eligible Hurricane Katrina evacuee that does not include both a former residence address and a California mailing address in accordance with the instructions in ACWDL 05-30 as corrected by this Errata.

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