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TO: All County Welfare Directors

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REQUESTS FOR MEDI-CAL ID CARDS -- SHARE-OF-COST CASES

This is written to inform county welfare departments that requests for replacement or additional proof of eligibility (POE) cards for share-of-cost cases (other than long-term care (LTC)) must not be submitted via the CID or Paper County Process (PCP) system.

The CID and PCP system are not designed to accept certification dates; therefore county input of share-of-cost card requests (other than LTC) will produce erroneous Medi-Cal ID cards. This in turn creates problems in the appropriate processing of claims for these share-of-cost individuals.

Counties should follow the procedures contained in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual, Sections 12A and 12B, for issuance of replacement Medi-Cal ID cards or additional POE cards.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medi-Cal Field Representative.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Doris Z. Soderberg, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Eligibility Field Representatives

Redefined Fields -- MC208 (Contd)

The Department is in the process of revising the MC208 to include these heading changes and new instructions. When existing stock is depleted, counties will begin receiving revised form stock.

Coding of MC208 Forms

It will be necessary to update, on a one-time basis, the master file with the share of cost information for all current LTC/SOC eligibles. To accomplish this, an eligibility transaction code 78 shall be used. It will not be necessary for counties to input other coverage codes for continuing eligibles, including LTC/SOC eligibles, as the Department's computer system will pick up all other coverage codes currently on the master file and transfer to the new field location.

For counties submitting eligibility data via tape input, tape format should be changed to redefine fiels 10 and 12 as described above. Also, zero fillers must be placed in the share of cost field for individuals with no share of cost and zero fillers from left to right on share of cost amounts less than four digits.

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please contact Karla Gurley of my staff at (916) 445-1797.

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CHANGES TO MC208 COMPLETION

This is to provide you with new instructions regarding completion of MC208 with respect to submission of share of cost data for long-term care beneficiaries. These procedures are effective immediately and were transmitted by telephone to your Medi-Cal Liaison on January 24, 1980.

Currently, those counties which submit eligibility data via the MC208 process are not required to furnish share of cost (SOC) information for long-term care (LTC) beneficiaries. When the Medi-Cal cards are returned to the county, county staff must type the LTC share of cost amount in the appropriate places on the card.

Since share of cost data is not reported for LTC/SOC individuals via the MC208 process, this data is not contained on the eligibility history update file provided to the Department's fiscal intermediary. When claims are submitted to the fiscal intermediary by the LTC providers, they are suspended from the automated claims processing system because SOC data on the Medi-Cal ID card label does not correspond to the Eligibility History File. The manual processing of these claims to determine the reason for discrepancy is time consuming. As a result, payments to LTC facilities are delayed.

In order to eliminate this problem, counties submitting MC208 eligibility data shall follow the procedures indicated below:

Redefined Fields -- MC208

In order to facilitate submission of LTC share of cost data via the MC208, the following modifications to the form must be made:

1. Field 10, Other Coverage, is redefined as LTC/SOC. Counties shall indicate the LTC/SOC amount in the four spaces provided. All figures should be right justified with zero fillers from left to right (i.e., $90 = 0090).

2. Field 12, FFP Ind. (Federal Financial Participation Indicator), is redefined as Other Coverage. Current Other Coverage coding procedures shall continue to be followed.