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To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 82-42

ERRONEOUS "RAMOS" SHARE OF COST COMPUTATIONS

You were informed in All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 82-38 of the increase in SSI/SSP payment levels. This increase is to be reflected in the special income deduction for ABD-MN persons until the reduction in Medi-Cal maintenance needs is implemented September 1, 1982.

Please advise those persons on your staff who process Ramos applications that this new special income deduction amount was not used by the State to determine the share of cost amount for Ramos Excess Income beneficiaries for the months of July and August 1982. This situation occurred because the amount of the cost of living increase in SSI/SSP was not known until after the Fiscal Year 1982-83 budget was signed on June 30, 1982. This means that each State-issued Record of Health Care Costs -- Share of Cost (MC 177S) overstates the share of cost amount recipients are required to pay or obligate before they can receive a Medi-Cal card. In addition, approximately 300 recipients statewide who are placed in the Excess Income category should have been in the Extended Eligibility category and should have received a no-cost Medi-Cal card.

The county must recompute the share of cost amount for all Excess Income beneficiaries who were discontinued from SSI/SSP based Medi-Cal in the months of July and August 1982, and who apply for Medi-Cal-only at the county. Therefore, please use the special income deduction amount effective July 1, 1982 in your computation. Share of cost adjustments for these months should be made in accordance with Title 22, CAC, Section 50653.3.

The county shall not make a share of cost adjustment for any "Ramos" recipient who returns a completed State-issued MC 177S to the county but who fails to apply for Medi-Cal-only.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medi-Cal program consultant.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
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