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To: All County Welfare Directors

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AID TO THE DISABLED -- SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY (SGA)

Several questions have been raised regarding the appropriate aid category in which an individual receiving Aid to the Disabled -- SGA should be placed when that individual reaches age 65.

Disabled -- SGA individuals are identified in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedure Manual (Article 5C) as Medically Needy with or without a share of cost.

Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is not available for Aid to the Disabled -- SGA eligibles. As described in CAC, Title 22, Section 50203, counties should convert those Disabled SGA cases to aged Medically Needy when age 65 years is reached. This conversion will maximize FFP for services received by the aged individual.

The only exception to this procedure is if the Aid to the Disabled -- SGA individual is receiving In-Home Supportive Services. In order to continue eligibility under the IHSS program, these individuals should remain as Aid to the Disabled -- SGA even after age 65.

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

Sincerely,

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