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ERRATA NOTICE

To: County Welfare Directors

REFERENCE: CWD LETTER NO. 82-67
CWD LETTER NO. 82-71

1. Due to an error in the printing process, the first page of the Deprivation Training Package (which was transmitted to you by CWD Letter No. 62-67) was omitted and two page number 2s were printed. Attached is a copy of page 1. Please replace the extra page number 2 with page 1.

2. Paragraph 4 of CWD Letter No. 82-71 contains a typographical mistake The date in the first sentence should be January 1, 1983. Please make your corrections on the original letter which was sent to you.

We are sorry for any inconvenience which this may have caused.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Madalyn M. Martinez, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Attachment

Linkage to Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) -- Deprivation
(Title 22, California Administrative Code, Sections 50205-50216)

Manual Section 50205

Webster's dictionary defines deprivation as the taking away of something; to keep something away from one's possession or enjoyment. For the purpose of the Medi-Cal program, deprivation relates only to children being deprived of parental support or care. "Deprivation" is an important determination because linkage to AFDC cannot exist unless there is a deprived child. Linkage to AFDC exists if a deprived child is living with a relative as defined in Manual Section 50084. Linkage to AFDC means there is federal financial participation (FFP) in the Medi-Cal costs on behalf of the linked individual who is determined eligible. For children, linkage to AFDC is not important since there is FFP for their Medi-Cal costs whether or not there is linkage to AFDC. However, such linkage may be crucial to their parent(s) or caretaker relative. Unless the parent or caretaker is linked to AFDC (or is eligible under a different Medi-Cal program for which FFP is available), that adult, effective January 1, 1983, will be ineligible for Medi-Cal and his/her health needs will be the responsibility of the county of residence. A parent in the home is linked to AFDC if the child is linked to AFDC. If there is no parent in the home, the child's caretaker relative is linked to AFDC if the caretaker is in the same Medi-Cal Family Budget Unit (MFBU) as the child.

There are four basic areas where deprivation may occur for the purpose of Medi-Cal. They are as follows:

1. Deprivation -- Deceased Parent

2. Deprivation -- Physical or Mental Incapacity

3. Deprivation -- Absent Parent

4. Deprivation -- Unemployed Parent

A child who is living with a relative and is deprived under one or more of the above deprivation areas is linked to the AFDC program. Deprivation shall be established if all the conditions of any one of the above four areas is met at any time during the month. If the child meets all of the conditions of more than one area, the eligibility determination shall be based on the deprivation area listed first. However, there is one exception. If the deprivation could be based either on an absent parent or on incapacity and there is a parent in the home with no spouse, then deprivation shall be determined under the absent parent criteria regardless of other deprivation factors. Without the exception, the normal order would require that incapacity is used because it is first on the list of deprivations. Under this exception (i.e., the parent in the home has no spouse), absence is used as the basis for deprivation.