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To: All County Welfare Directors

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AUTOMATED AID PAID PENDING MEDI-CAL CARDS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME/
STATE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT (SSI/SSP) RECIPIENTS UNDER THE RAMOS V.
MYERS PROCESS

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of a procedural change in the issuance of Medi-Cal cards for SSI/SSP recipients who have requested a state hearing timely and are awaiting a decision from the Director. This status is referred to as Aid Paid Pending (APP).

In the past, the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch (MEB) has manually prepared APP Medi-Cal cards for SSI/SSP recipients who have requested a state hearing timely to appeal the SSI/SSP-based Medi-Cal discontinuance action taken by the Department of Health Services (DHS). Effective August 1984 month of eligibility, the APP Medi-Cal ID cards for Ramos v. Myers recipients will be issued by MEB via the MEDS terminal.

MEB will begin establishing Ramos v. Myers recipient eligibility on MEDS during July/August 1984. Counties will be able to identify the APP Ramos v. Myers recipients by the following data reflected on MEDS:

- o Government-of-Responsibility code (Govt-Resp) of "2" with an aid code of 14, 24, or 64.
- o County ID is in the federal format; serial, FBU and person number is the person's SSAN preceded by a "9".

MEB has notified counties via the APP control log when an SSI/SSP recipient has requested a state hearing. Counties will continue to receive the APP control log sheets from MEB. The APP control log sheets are to provide you with the following instructions:

- o Do not send a final notice of action for persons in the Extended Eligibility or Excess Income Categories, as designated in the "Ramos" column.
- o Do not process applications for persons in any Ramos category who may apply for Medi-Cal assistance.
- o Recipients listed on the APP control log sheet should show as eligible on MEDS. To issue an immediate need Medi-Cal ID card, counties should use the MEDS transaction code of EW 45. If a Medi-Cal ID card is required for a recipient listed on the APP control log and not shown as eligible on MEDS, contact the MEB Ramos Coordinator, Sherilyn Walden at (916) 445-1799.

If a Medi-Cal ID card must be manually prepared because MEDS is not available, the aid codes reported should be 14, 24, or 64 and the county ID should be in the federal format.

When an APP recipient has applied for Medi-Cal assistance at the county welfare department (CWD), please notify the MEB Ramos coordinator so the recipient can be contacted regarding the possible cancellation of the state hearing. Upon notification from MEB of the state hearing cancellation, the CWD may proceed with the application process for Medi-Cal assistance as instructed in All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 81-55.

The CWD will continue to receive the Ramos v. Myers computerized registers for the Extended Eligibles, Excess Income, Long-Term Care categories and the APP control log.

If you have any questions, please call Dahlia Curry at (916) 322-2715.

Sincerely,

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