STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor

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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 86-26

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT TO APPLY FOR MEDICARE

Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 86-23 - Revised Medi-Cal Regulations - Verification of Disability

This letter provides you with clarification of California Administrative Code (CAC) Title 22 Section 50777 - Requirement to Apply for Medicare.

In the specific case of a disabled person receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits, if the county can obtain verification of Title II disability benefits in accordance with Title 22 Section 50167, Medicare enrollment is deemed to be automatic beginning the 25th month of receipt of this benefit. Therefore, a separate application for Medicare is not required.

However, without such verification, the county cannot establish Medicare eligibility and must follow Title 22 Section 50777 requiring Medicare application.

The regulation revision providing this specification to Section 50777 is in process, but counties should begin now to implement this policy.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

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