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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: ERRATA NOTICE -- ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER (ACWDL) NO. 86-45

This is to advise you that certain information in the above subject letter regarding the procedure to follow when a Long Term Care (LTC) beneficiary has been discharged from a nursing home and his/her Share of Cost (SOC) is reduced to a lesser amount or to zero, has been revised.

The portion of ACWDL No. 86-45 pertaining to the process when an LTC beneficiary has been discharged from a nursing home and his/her SOC is being reduced to a lesser amount, has been expanded to include two (2) additional steps. The first additional step is for the county to change the SOC amount on MEDS to reflect the new reduced amount. This step should follow the step which instructs the county to issue an MC 177 (Record of Health Care Cost--Share of Cost) form showing the revised SOC amount.

The second additional step gives the county instructions to follow when an unused Medi-Cal card cannot be retrieved or a Medi label has already been used. When the MC 177 is submitted to the Department, a note should be attached indicating:

> "Beneficiary previously issued LTC-SOC Medi-Cal card. Cannot certify via MEDS. Please issue POE only Medi-Cal card via CID system."

ACWDL No. 86-45 also indicated that the county should issue a handtyped Medi-Cal ID card (per Article 14A of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual) when an LTC beneficiary was discharged and his/her SOC was reduced to zero. It stated that the county could change the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) to show the SOC reduction, but that MEDS would still show the original LTC status. Following are the revised procedures:

A county can produce a Medi-Cal card, using the EW15 transaction, and the resulting eligibility status does change from LTC-SOC to the correct status for a non-LTC zero SOC beneficiary. If the Medi-Cal card cannot be retrieved or is retrieved with missing Medi labels, a POE only card may be issued using the same procedure. This revised method should eliminate issuance of handtyped cards.

These revised procedures as well as the remaining procedures in ACWDL No. 86-45 will be incorporated in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual, Procedures Section within the next three months.

Should you have any questions regarding this revised procedure, please contact your MEDS Liaison.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
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