STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor

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November 18, 1986

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 86-67

SUBJECT: OMNIBUS DRUG BILL, NO. 144 - PART II: TREATMENT OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE UNDER SSI AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS

The President recently signed into law the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 which included a number of provisions regarding extension of welfare benefits to the homeless. Under these provisions Medicaid coverage to otherwise eligible homeless individuals is mandated. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is directed to devise a method to provide eligibility cards to homeless beneficiaries.

As you know, California presently provides Medi-Cal cards to these individuals. Therefore, we do not expect this new law to have any impact on California. We do, however, want you to be aware of these provisions to ensure that the otherwise eligible homeless individuals continue to receive Medi-Cal cards.

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Rivera at (916) 445-1912.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: January 18, 1987