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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 86-81

SUBJECT: DTMTS CASES QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

REFERENCE: ACWD Letter No. 86-69

The purpose of this letter is to clarify instructions given in ACWD Letter No. 86-69 regarding medically needy disabled beneficiaries later denied SSI benefits due to an SSA determination of not disabled. These cases are being identified by computer match. A list is then issued to each county on a monthly basis. This system has been designated as the Disability Tape Match and Terminate System (DTMTS). Several questions have been raised regarding implementation of this System. Those questions, along with our responses, are noted below:

1. Question: How does DTMTS impact Intake of new applications?

1. Response: No impact. The DTMTS listing only affects individuals already receiving Medi-Cal and, therefore, will have no impact on applications.

2. Question: If an applicant states that an SSI application is pending or presents verification to the Intake worker that he/she was denied SSI due to a determination by SSA that he/she was not disabled, should the Intake worker delay or deny the Medi-Cal application?

2. Response: No. SSA denial notices will state that the SSI applicant was found not disabled where a person has failed or refused to cooperate in determining disability or for a number of other procedural reasons not related to the person's physical or mental impairments. As stated in ACWD Letter No. 86-68, only those persons found not disabled by SSA for medical or vocational reasons are ineligible for Medi-Cal. Therefore, at the time of the Medi-Cal application the Intake worker must obtain a full DED packet (MC 221, MC 223, and MC 220's as appropriate) and submit the packet to DED. The MC 221 must have the appropriate boxes (SSI pending or SSI denied) checked. DED will review the basis of the SSI action or pend the case until an SSI decision is made and inform the county of the results. A full DED packet is required to address situations where the

federal decision will not be timely or the basis of the federal decision is other than medical or vocational. Under these circumstances DED must perform a separate evaluation.

3. Question: The required Notice of Action (NOA) language defines SSI as State Supplemental Income, is this correct?

3. Response: No. The NOA should state "....do not meet the disability criteria for the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program...." Please correct the Notice language. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

4. Question: Can a person reapply for the Medi-Cal program after being discontinued through the DTMTS process?

4. Response: Anyone may apply for Medi-Cal at any time. However, unless the applicant alleges one of the following, DED is unlikely to find the applicant disabled:

   1. The applicant alleges his/her condition has significantly deteriorated.

   2. The applicant alleges and can establish that one or more conditions existed which were not reported to SSA.

   3. The applicant alleges the onset of a new impairment not considered by SSA.

The above must be clearly stated in the CWD Comments section of the MC 221. Any DTMTS discontinued person who later reapplies for Medi-Cal should have the box "denied" checked for SSI application on the MC 221.

If you have any further questions, please contact Toni Bailey at (916) 324-4953.

Sincerely,

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