STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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April 10, 1987

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter: 87-16

SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY DISABILITY PROGRAM STUFFER

Under the mandate of AB 3835 (Chapter 612, Statutes of 1984) a study was performed to examine the problems encountered by persons with disabilities in gaining access to quality medical care under the Medi-Cal program. The study was conducted by an independent consultant with the assistance of a committee of interested parties. The study report was released in September 1986.

One of the problems identified by the study research was: "Many disabled persons do not have information on how to access the Medi-Cal program and may be laboring under some misconceptions about the program and other programs intended to serve the disabled." One of the ways identified to correct this problem was to inform disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries that under the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code section 14005.3 [Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual section 50223(a)(2)] disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries may retain Medi-Cal eligibility even after they obtain employment, if their income does not exceed the maximum income limit. This program is known as the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) Disability Program. In order to implement this recommendation, the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch developed a stuffer to inform Medi-Cal beneficiaries about the SGA Disability Program and to tell them how to apply for an SGA evaluation to determine if they are eligible for the program.

SSI-disabled beneficiaries are to contact the local Social Security Administration office to apply for the SGA Disabled Program.

IHSS beneficiaries are to contact their county welfare department social worker to apply for the SGA Disability Program.

Attached is a copy of the stuffer which will be released with the Medi-Cal Cards. The first mailing of the stuffer will occur in April 1987 (May 1987 month of eligibility) and is scheduled to be mailed with the Medi-Cal cards on a quarterly basis for a one year period.

If you have any questions regarding the SGA Disability Program, please contact Sandy Poindexter at (916) 324-4966.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Attachment

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: July 31, 1988

e you received SSI or IHSS benefits in the recent past and e then discontinued because you went to work even ugh your physical or mental condition has not changed?

ederal program exists which provides ongoing Medi-Cal efits to some SSI or IHSS recipients who go to work there has been no change in their physical or mental ions. This program is called the Substantial Gainful ivity (SGA) Disability Program. If you receive SSI or IHSS efits and go to work, you are entitled to an SGA evaluation determine if you may be eligible for the SGA Disability gram (work programs under Section 1619 A and B of the al Security Act).

ou are receiving SSI benefits and you become employed, tact your local Social Security Administration office pply for the SGA Disability Program.

ou are receiving IHSS benefits, contact your county are department social worker to apply for the SGA bility Program.

NCION: RECIPIENTES/SOLICITANTES DE SSI E IHSS

recibido Ud. recientemente los beneficios SSI o IHSS y le fueron descontinuados porque Ud. empezó a trabajar uando su condición física o mental no había cambiado?

e un programa de ayuda federal el cual provee la conti- ón de los beneficios de Medi-Cal a algunos recipientes de IHSS que empiezan a trabajar cuando no ha habido en su condición física o mental. Este programa se llama rograma de Incapacidad de Actividad Remunerada ancialmente (Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) ility Program). Si Ud. recibe los beneficios SSI o IHSS y za a trabajar, Ud. tiene derecho a una evaluación de SGA determinar si Ud. puede ser elegible para el Programa de acidad SGA (programas de empleo bajo la Sección 1619 del Acta del Seguro Social).

. está recibiendo los beneficios SSI y empieza a trabajar, se en contacto con la oficina de la Administración eguro Social para solicitar al Programa de Incapacidad

. está recibiendo los beneficios IHSS y empieza a trabajar, se en contacto con su trabajador social del Departamen- Bienestar del Condado para solicitar al Programa de acidad SGA.