STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

April 10, 1987

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter: 87- 18

SUBJECT: STUDY ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE PERIOD OF MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY

This is to convey to county welfare departments the Department of Health Services' (DHS) appreciation of their cooperation and active assistance in obtaining data for this study.

In March 1986, DHS requested the assistance of 43 county welfare departments in gathering the data necessary to evaluate a proposal on changing the period of Medi-Cal eligibility from our current system of full month eligibility to day specific eligibility.

Counties were sent questionnaires on AFDC Cash Assistance and Medi-Cal Only cases which had been granted or discontinued in a specific month. County staff researched these cases and identified the application date or the date eligibility was established for applicants, and the date benefits could have been terminated for closed cases. DHS used this information as the basis for its study. Without the active cooperation of the individual county welfare departments, DHS could not have completed this study.

Based on the information developed from this study, we have determined that the current full month period of Medi-Cal eligibility will be retained. Day specific eligibility is not being considered at this time.

Again, we sincerely thank all the county welfare departments which assisted us in this project.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: May 31, 1987