STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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CRAMENTO, CA 95814

August 3, 1987

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter: 87-42

SUBJECT: NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF PROVIDER SUSPENSIONS

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has recently been informed by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) that procedures for notifying the public of provider suspensions must be implemented. This requirement arose from Federal regulations which require that the DHS must give a general notice to the public of provider restrictions and their duration. The DHS has determined that the most feasible way of providing this notice is to provide County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with a list of suspended providers to be posted in the welfare office reception area. Notices will be sent on a periodic basis to each CWD and must be posted in a conspicuous area.

The suspended provider list will be maintained and distributed by our fiscal intermediary. Each CWD will first receive a statewide listing of suspended providers and then on a periodic basis updates identifying newly suspended providers. The complete list must be posted for at least 60 days with the providers in your area (county) highlighted. After the 60 day time period, you should make a binder to hold the complete list and place it with your public access material. You will receive replacement pages on a periodic basis. When these pages are received, highlight the providers newly suspended in your area and post the update pages on your bulletin board for 60 days. After the 60 days has passed, update your binder with the new pages. The update pages will include instructions as to which pages to remove and discard.

The Fiscal Intermediary Management Division (FIMD) will be responsible for providing you with the list of suspended providers, once a coordinator has been identified in each CWD. Therefore, in order to smoothly implement these general notice procedures, please contact Provider Relations Section, Melinda Hartstrom at (916) 323-1945 by August 21, 1987, and provide her with the name, address, and telephone number of your coordinator. Each CWD coordinator will be responsible for receiving the list from FIMD, and posting the updated list each month in your reception or other conspicuous area.

If you have any questions please contact Michele White at (916) 322-5298.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

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