STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter: 88 - 13

SUBJECT: LOGGING HAND-TYPED MEDI-CAL CARDS

It has come to our attention that counties may not be using the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) to record the issuance of hand-typed cards to Medi-Cal recipients.

Issuance of hand-typed ID Cards should be limited to only two circumstances: 1) MEDS is not available; or 2) MEDS edits prevent issuance of a Medi-Cal ID Card with the correct information (e.g. Dialysis aid codes are not yet included on MEDS and there is no way to prevent Medicare coding for aliens over 65 who are ineligible for Medicare). Effective immediately, all counties should use the EW15 or EW45 to confirm issuance of hand-typed ID cards issued because MEDS was not available. The value coded in the CARD-ISSUE-LOCATION for these transactions, when confirming a hand-typed card, should be "LOGS".

Using these two transactions to update MEDS will ensure a more timely update of eligibility information which is transmitted to our fiscal intermediaries for use in the Medi-Cal claims payment process. Recording the issuance of hand-typed cards on MEDS also eliminates the necessity of completing and mailing the HAS 2007 to the Department.

Thank you for your cooperation and, if you have any questions please contact your State MEDS Liaison.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: February 28, 1989