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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No: 88-23

SUBJECT: The 503 Leads File Report (Lynch v. Rank (Pickle) Potential Eligibles)

REFERENCE: All County Welfare Directors Letters 87-79 and 84-5

The above referenced All County Welfare Directors (ACWD) Letters described the procedures counties are to follow upon receipt of the 503 Leads File Report which consists of a list of the names of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who were discontinued from SSI/SSP in January 1988, due to the Title II cost-of-living allowance.

As you are aware, the Department of Health Services (DHS) will be sending counties the fourth 503 Leads File Report the beginning of April 1988. This report contains the names of those individuals whose Pickle status (on MEDS) has not been updated by the county. The report should not include individuals who have been reinstated on SSI/SSP or who have been determined eligible for Medi-Cal as a Pickle eligible, however, due to the lag in SDX updates, there may be some individuals listed who have been reinstated to SSI. Counties should check MEDS to verify whether these individuals have been reinstated on SSI/SSP before making a contact, if a contact has not already been made.

In addition to the fourth report, the DHS will send another, more current 503 Leads File Report to counties approximately April 15, 1988. This final report will identify for counties those beneficiaries who will be receiving a Notice of Action (NOA) from the State informing them that their Medi-Cal benefits will be discontinued effective April 30, 1988. This NOA will advise these individuals to contact their local county welfare department because of potential eligibility under the "Pickle Amendment". If counties have taken action to contact these individuals as required by ACWD Letter 84-5 and have received no response, counties must submit an EW60 transaction to MEDS to update the Pickle status to show the beneficiary is potentially Pickle eligible (status '1'). Submission of this transaction will indicate that the county has contacted the beneficiary and that he/she is not eligible for Medi-Cal as a Pickle aid type at this time. No further follow-up action is necessary. The April 1988 discontinuance NOA mailed by the State will be sufficient notification.

Pursuant to the Lynch v. Rank order, counties must ensure that the eligibility redetermination on these 503 Leads individuals is completed prior to discontinuance. If there has been some kind of delay that has prevented the county from contacting or completing a

redetermination on the remaining individuals, they must continue to receive their Medi-Cal cards through the appropriate county of residence until such time as a redetermination is completed. Counties should follow the instructions below for extending Medi-Cal eligibility for May 1, 1988 and ongoing until a redetermination is completed.

Upon receipt of the 503 Leads Report in mid April 1988, counties must verify that every individual on the list has been contacted and a redetermination completed. If a redetermination has not been completed, counties must submit the appropriate MEDS transaction to establish continuing Pickle eligibility for May 1988 and ongoing until a redetermination is completed. Normal reporting procedures should be followed in this instance. Also, since the Pickle status code will be automatically updated by these transactions, no EW60 transaction is necessary.

If you have any questions please contact RaNae M. Dunne at 324-4955/ATSS 454-4955.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
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Expiration Date: April 15, 1989