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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County MEDS Coordinators

Letter No.: 88-72

SUBJECT: NEW MEDS NETWORK ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM

This is a follow-up to a SYSM message sent to All County MEDS Coordinators on August 4, 1988, announcing the installation of a new electronic mail system. The current Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) electronic mail system (SYSM) is being replaced by EMC2 (Electronic Mail Communications Center) as of September 6, 1988. At that time, SYSM will no longer be available. It will be the counties' responsibility to print out the SYSM messages they wish to save prior to September 6, 1988. SYSM messages will not be transferred to EMC2.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is replacing SYSM with EMC2 as the Health and Welfare Data Center (HWDC) is installing an updated version of IBM's Customer Information Control System (CICS). CICS is an IBM software package that controls the flow of data between computer programs, terminals and subsystems. EMC2 provides the same basic functions as SYSM, plus some added features and is not difficult to learn or use.

Effective with the change to CICS, users will see the HWDC logo when logging on to the MEDS system. Users must enter "CICSE" to obtain the MEDS logo. This will have to be done only once per day. This change in logos does not effect CPU counties as their logo has been designed for the county system and has nothing to do with the HWDC logo.

County staff that attended the July 1988 CMAG North or CMAG South meetings were trained on the new EMC2 system and will be instructing their county staff on how to use EMC2.

During the week of August 8-12, 1988, a copy of the EMC2 draft training guide was shipped to each county MEDS Coordinator. The initial EMC2 training guide gives a description of EMC2 concepts and basic functions such as how to obtain EMC2 user ID's and passwords, how to send and receive messages, and how to establish mail lists.

During the period of August 15-19, 1988, the State MEDS Network Liaisons provided training, via telephone, to those counties that did not attend CMAG North or South. Initial contact was made with the County MEDS Coordinators.

If you have any questions or need additional EMC2 training please contact Al Brinsfield or Frances Shurer of my staff at (916) 445-1912.

Sincerely,

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cc: MEDS Liaisons

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