STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, *Governor*

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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November 3, 1988

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 88-85

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF MEDI-CAL TRANSFER OF PROPERTY PROVISIONS UNDER THE MEDICARE CATASTROPHIC ACT OF 1988

Many counties are aware that the Medicare Catastrophic Act of 1988 (MCAA) contains new provisions affecting Medi-Cal eligibility due to the transfer of assets by institutionalized individuals. DO NOT IMPLEMENT THESE PROVISIONS until written instructions are issued by this Department. The Department is in the process of requesting a delay until January 1, 1990 from the Secretary of Health and Human Services to allow the State Legislature sufficient time to enact new legislation, and to allow the Department sufficient time to develop new state regulations and county procedures before implementing the new transfer of property provisions.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sharyl Shanen-Raya at (916) 324-4956 or Yvonne Lee at (916) 323-4129.

Sincerely,

Frank S. Martucci

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: January 1, 1991