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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
714/744 P STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

December 8, 1989
Letter No.: 89-108

To: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: STATE BUY-IN PROBLEM REPORTS

Effective December 30, 1989, we are requesting that county staff suspend the forwarding of State Buy-In Problem Reports, (form DHS 6166; formerly HAS 8) to the Medicare Buy-In Unit.

To minimize problems during implementation of the MEDS/Buy-In on-line system, we are not submitting a Buy-In data file to Health Care Financing Administration in December, 1989. As a result, the Buy-In Unit staff will be unable to process Buy-In complaints received after December 30, 1989. This will allow time for system conversion, implementation and testing which will take place during the period December, 1989 through March 30, 1990.

Although the new on-line system may not resolve all existing Buy-In problems, we do expect a significant reduction. Therefore, we suggest that your staff re-evaluate Buy-In problems to see if they still exist prior to submitting Buy-In Problem Reports in April, 1990.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding our request, please call Henry Placencia at (916) 739-3205.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: December 8, 1990