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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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March 28, 1989

Letter No.: 89-25

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Subject: Other Health Coverage

Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letters 88-92

The purpose of this letter is to advise counties of three changes in the Department's processing of Other Health Coverage (OHC) update transactions. These changes are a modification to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) reconciliation process, a revised worker alert format, and a new Department procedure involving OHC termination reports from the fiscal intermediary.

MEDS/COUNTY RECONCILIATION

As discussed in prior letters, the Department has, and will continue to conduct data matches with various health insurance carriers. Also, in October 1988, the Department contacted recipients to confirm their health insurance coverage. As a result of these processes, the OHC field on some recipient's MEDS records may be changed by the Department to reflect codes different from the data on the counties' systems.

When a Department-initiated change is made, a Worker Alert is sent to the county so that a corresponding change can be made to the county's data. However, under current procedures, should a county submit a MEDS reconciliation file prior to making the OHC field changes, the outdated county data would automatically override the State input for non-cost avoidance codes. (State entered cost avoidance codes are already protected.)

On February 27, 1989, a modification to the MEDS/County reconciliation process was installed which will prohibit county reconciliation data from automatically overriding any State-entered OHC code, including "N". Any discrepancies between the two files will be shown on an error listing returned to the county.

This modification is to the reconciliation process only. Counties may continue to update state-entered OHC data using routine MEDS transactions.

WORKER ALERTS

When the Department initiates an OHC change transaction, a Worker Alert (Message 4100) is sent to the county so that the case record and county database may be updated. Enclosed is a copy of the recently revised alert format. It appears that the inclusion of case name, district and worker number will enhance distribution and make it easier to update case records.

FISCAL INTERMEDIARY OHC TERMINATIONS REPORTS

The Department receives weekly reports from the Medi-Cal fiscal intermediary listing recipients whose OHC has been terminated. This report is compiled from insurance termination letters submitted with Medi-Cal claims. Effective April 1, 1989 the Department will use this information to update the MEDS database. A Worker Alert will be sent to the county for each transaction. We anticipate about 500 transactions each month.

If you have any questions regarding MEDS input, please contact your MEDS liaison. All questions regarding other health coverage should be directed to Shar Schroepfer of the Health Insurance Unit at (916) 739-3275.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: March 28, 1990

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEM COUNTY WORKER ALERT REPORT
* * * * DAILY UPDATE ALERTS * * * *

REPORT NO: RS-MED110-R001 COUNTY: ALPINE
PRINT DATE: 02/16/89 DISTRICT: BBB
PAGE: 1 WORKER: CCCC

========== C O N F I D E N T I A L ==========

CASE-NAME AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA PERSON-NAME NKING OHCPHASE2, OC30ONL TG T
COUNTY-ID 02-60-9700530-0-04 MEDS-ID 700-53-0004 BIRTHDATE 06/30/954

TRANSACTION-CODE EW99 SOURCE 2N08 CREATION-DATE 03/24/87

MESSAGE
4100 OC UPDATE OVERLAID EXISTING OTHER COVERAGE DATA ALERT

DED#	DATA-ELEMENT	CONTENTS
1109	OTHER COV CURRENT	K
1109	OTHER COV CURRENT	N