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Letter No. 89-26

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Subject: Health Insurance Questionnaire Completion for Special Treatment Program Eligibles

Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter 89-15

With the addition of Medi-Cal Special Treatment Program aid codes (71-74) to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS), counties will be required to enter appropriate Other Health Coverage (OHC) codes on MEDS and obtain a completed Health Insurance Questionnaire form (DHS 6155) as needed for this population when health insurance is available. These actions were not previously required because the recovery billing system could not link with MEDS for these eligibles.

Prior to renewal in February 1989, for March 1989 month of eligibility, all current dialysis and TPN cases were added to MEDS by Data Systems Branch (DSB) staff. Effective with March 1989 month of eligibility, counties will be responsible for adding new dialysis and TPN cases to MEDS, and maintaining the MEDS records for these cases.

To assure proper utilization of health insurance resources belonging to these groups, effective with March 1989 MOE, counties must code MEDS and forward a completed Health Insurance Questionnaire as appropriate for such beneficiaries who indicate they have health insurance. Use the same procedure in reporting OHC for this aid code series as is used for all Other Health Coverage reporting described in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual, Procedures Section, Article 15 and All County Welfare Directors Letters 87-44, 88-17 and 88-92.

If you have any questions, please contact Verla Everson at (916) 739-2789.

Sincerely,

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