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Letter No.: 90-04

To: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Subject: FILE RETENTION: SNEEDE V. KIZER LAWSUIT

The Sneede v. Kizer lawsuit contests the use of a stepparent's income and property in determining the eligibility and share of cost of a stepchild, even though current regulations permit the stepchild to be excluded from the MFBU under certain circumstances. Furthermore, the lawsuit contests the use of a sibling's income and resources in determining the eligibility and share of cost of another sibling in the same MFBU, even though the sibling with income or property may be excluded from the MFBU. The Department is currently awaiting the court's decision on the matter.

In the interim, counties shall retain all Medi-Cal case files for the period May 1986 and continuing. This would include active and inactive cases (regardless of whether approved, discontinued or denied) where the last activity occurred May 1986 or later. There may be possible retroactive adjustments, though it is currently unknown how far back, if at all, the adjustments may be ordered.

If there are any questions, please contact Yvonne Lee at (916) 324-4954, ATSS: 454-4954.

Sincerely,

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: 12/31/90