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April 5, 1990
Letter No: 90-33

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF THE FOUR MONTH CONTINUING MEDI-CAL PROGRAM UNDER AID CODE 54

REFERENCE: ACWDL 89-79

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989 has permanently extended the four month continuing Medi-Cal Program to families terminated from Aid To Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) due to the collection or increased collection of child/spousal support payments. This program is addressed in Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 50243(a)(2) and (c).

This program was to have expired on September 30, 1989. All County Welfare Director's Letter 89-79 informed counties to cease granting four month continuing Medi-Cal (aid code 54) to those families who were terminated from AFDC for the above reason after September 30, 1989.

Therefore, it is necessary for you to review your cases and grant four month continuing Medi-Cal to those family members who were terminated from AFDC after September 30, 1989 due to the collection or increased collection of child/spousal support. However, it is not necessary to grant Medi-Cal under aid code 54 if the family received zero share-of-cost Medi-Cal under another aid code for the months in question.

For those cases where the family members received Medi-Cal under another program with a share of cost, counties should contact the beneficiary and depending on his/her preference either: 1) send the provider of prior services a letter (MC 1054) which will allow a billing adjustment for the months in question, or 2) adjust the share of cost for the future months. See Title 22 CCR, Section 50653.3 and 12(C) of the Medi-Cal Procedures Manual.

If you have any questions, please contact Marge Buzdas at (916) 324-4972/ATSS 454-4972.

Sincerely,

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
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Expiration Date: April 5, 1991