STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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Letter No.: 90-75

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: HUNT V. KIZER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

As a result of recent developments in the case of Hunt v. Kizer, county welfare departments (CWDs) are required to immediately begin doing the following:

In CWDs where MC 177 forms are manually processed, black out the wording in the upper left box on the form "only those medical/dental expenses incurred in this month may be listed on this form", and above that language insert "see new instructions coming in the mail".

In CWDs where MC 177 forms are computer generated, immediately initiate programming changes to black out the wording and insert the new message described in the paragraph above.

Retain, until further notice, all Medi-Cal share of cost (SOC) cases that were either denied or terminated since January 1, 1986.

Beginning August 10, 1990, the Department will send a monthly notice (Enclosure 1) to all Medi-Cal SOC beneficiaries. This notice will also be printed and stocked in the Department of Health Service's Warehouse. When the notice is available, CWDs will be notified to begin ordering it and affixing one notice to each MC 177 prior to sending the MC 177 to a Medi-Cal beneficiary. This process will continue until January 1, 1991 at which time the court ordered revision of the MC 177 should be completed.

As further changes occur, we will provide you with additional instructions. If you have any questions concerning the Hunt v. Kizer lawsuit (this case), please call Kristi McCall (Allen) at (916) 445-6855.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Frank S. Martucci, Chief
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Enclosure

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

State of California - Health and Welfare Agency
Department of Health Services
Medical Assistance

ATTENTION MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES WITH A SHARE OF COST

As a result of the recent court order in the case of HUNT vs. KIZER, you may now be able to use your old unpaid medical bills to meet your current months share of cost (SOC). There are now two ways to have your medical expenses counted toward meeting your SOC.

1. When you complete your MC 177 Record of Health Care Costs, you should have your provider list the services that you received in the month that is listed in the top left corner of the MC 177. This is the same as you have always done.

2. If you have:
   - bills in the month listed (paid or unpaid) that you cannot get your provider to fill out the form for,
   - bills from past months that you still owe,

take those bills to your county welfare department. Your county worker will determine if these bills can be used to reduce your current and future months SOC. This is the change that is required because of the lawsuit.

In order to have your medical bills used to reduce your SOC, you must give your worker the bills with the following information:

- Provider name and address.
- Medi-Cal provider identification number, taxpayer identification number, or provider license number.
- A billing date within the last 90 days.
- The name of the person receiving the service.
- The type of service.
- The date of service.
- The amount that you still owe the provider.

If you do not have the bills which show all this information, but you know the information, you may be able to make a sworn statement which provides the missing information.

You can also ask your caseworker to help you get any missing information from your medical provider.

You will NOT receive a cash payment for your old medical bills. You will only receive an adjustment toward your current or future months SOC.

IMPORTANT: THESE BILLS MUST NOT HAVE BEEN USED TO MEET YOUR SOC IN OTHER MONTHS.