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TO: County Administrative Officers
County Health Officials
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Letter No: 91-119

SUBJECT: Implementation of SB 910 (McCorquodale)

During this legislative session, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 910 (Chapter 1179, Stats, 1991). This measure requires the State to include targeted case management services as a Medi-Cal benefit and allows counties to participate in these programs and receive federal matching funds.

The Department is now in the process of implementing this legislation. On December 13, 1991 we held an initial scoping meeting with representatives from 20 counties who had immediately expressed interest in this legislation. Before we continue any further with implementation, we want to insure that all counties that have an interest in voluntarily opting into this program have an opportunity to participate. We are writing to inquire as to your county's interest in this program and request that you respond by January 13, 1992. An indication of interest is not a commitment to opt into the program but rather an informal poll to give the Department and other interested counties an idea of the scope of support for the program.

The provisions of SB 910 will allow your county to maximize county dollars expended on case management programs to targeted Medi-Cal eligible populations. The bill however, does stipulate that participating counties will share in the start up costs of the program. The greater number of counties that participate the lower the cost per county.

The Department is working very closely with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to implement this program in time for the next budget year. A meeting has been set for Monday, January 13, 1991 to discuss the organizational, service, and fiscal aspects of this program; therefore, it is very important that we hear from you as soon as possible. An indication of interest at this time is not a financial commitment to the program. To facilitate coordination, please send a copy of your response to CSAC.

Sincerely,

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