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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

SUBJECT: MC 007 (MEDI-CAL GENERAL PROPERTY LIMITATIONS FOR ALL MEDI-CAL APPLICANTS)

This letter is to inform the counties that the use of the MC 007 as described below provides sufficient notification of how applicants may, if necessary, bring their property reserve to within the property limit by the last day of the month in order to be property eligible for Medi-Cal. ACWDL 85-58, in which the county is instructed to advise the applicant of spending down excess resources, has been superseded by ACWDL 90-01 which instructs the counties when to provide and explain the contents of the MC 007.

In the draft regulations attached to ACWDL 90-01, Section 50142(a)(2)(A) specifies that county departments that have established a screening procedure shall provide information contained on the MC 007 during screening. Section 50142(b) from that same ACWDL provides that county departments that have not established a procedure for screening potential applicants prior to application shall provide the MC 007 at the time an applicant submits either a CA1/SAWS1 or a MC 176 PA - A. Section 50154 of that ACWDL then specifies at screening, application or restoration, the county department shall: inform all applicants of the appropriate property limits, and how property is exempted, counted and valued; review the MC 007 with all applicants; inform all applicants of their right to reduce nonexempt excess property within the month of application; and provide options as to how excess property may be reduced and how adequate consideration may be obtained in order to establish eligibility in the month. We recommend that this informing and review be done at either the screening interview or at the face-to-face interview addressed in Section 50157.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sharyl Shanen-Raya at (916) 324-4956.

Sincerely,

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