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

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RESTRICTED BENEFITS/REFERRAL TO EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to advise county staff that effective immediately, applicants applying for restricted Medi-Cal benefits are not to be referred to the Employment Development Department (EDD) for Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB). This change in policy will affect the State procedures section 4M.

Generally, all applicants seeking Medi-Cal, including applicants seeking restricted benefits, are required to apply for UIB. However, because the court order in Crespin v. Coye (formerly Crespin v. Kizer) prohibits the Medi-Cal program from requiring applicants for restricted benefits to provide a Social Security Number (SSN) for any aspect of the Medi-Cal application process, the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch (MEB) has revised the policy regarding referral to EDD.

Current MEB procedures state that the following applicants are excluded from the referral requirement:

- Individuals who have not worked in employment covered by UIB;
- Individuals who have a UIB claim pending;
- Individuals who are receiving or have exhausted their UIB;
- Individuals who are receiving disability insurance benefits;
- Individuals covered under Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50211;
- Individuals denied or discontinued from the UIB program;
- Individuals fully employed;
- Children under 16 years of age with no employment history.

Therefore, pending appeal of Crespin, and effective immediately, applicants seeking restricted Medi-Cal benefits shall not be referred to EDD.

This letter will be followed by new procedures. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Loretha Ford of my staff at (916) 657-3772.

Sincerely,

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