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

STATE'S MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW

The Department of Health Services (DHS) would like to commend and acknowledge County Medi-Cal program staff for their quality work. The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) calculated our State's Medicaid eligibility quality control (MEQC) payment error rate for the October 1993 through September 1994 period and the report shows the State's error rate was below HCFA's tolerance level.

The Department realizes that Medi-Cal is a complex program with continuous changes and we appreciate county staff dedication in ensuring that the Medi-Cal program policies and regulations are applied accordingly. With the support of your program staff, DHS will continue to maintain Medi-Cal program integrity, ensure benefits are issued timely and correctly to beneficiaries, and meet or exceed the established MEQC national standard.

Enclosed is a copy of the HCFA report for your review. Again, thanks for doing a wonderful job!

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

SUBSTITUTION ERROR RATES AND LOWER LIMITS
FY 1994

STATE	1093 RATE	1093 LL	0494 RATE	0494 LL	ANNUAL RATE	ANNUAL LL
Alaska	0.8965	0.0000	0.8683	0.0000	0.8817	0.0000
Alabama	1.0842	0.0000	0.1670	0.0000	0.6147	0.0000
Arkansas	0.1649	0.0394	1.6071	0.0496	0.9533	0.1000
* Arizona	1.7307	0.5614	2.5969	0.2083	2.1675	0.8308
California	1.1313	0.5072	2.2355	0.1673	1.6891	0.5996
Colorado	2.5239	0.1239	4.7037	0.0000	3.5990	0.6247
Connecticut	4.5299	2.0133	0.0516	0.0172	2.1935	0.9897
1/ D.C.	1.1253	0.2899	2.3982	0.0000	1.7551	0.0000
Delaware	1.0274	0.0000	0.2306	0.0000	0.6000	0.0354
Florida	4.0638	2.1669	2.7252	1.4820	3.4245	2.2693
Georgia	1.0138	0.3019	1.7286	0.2395	1.4169	0.5216
Hawaii	0.1076	0.0185	0.1924	0.0000	0.1570	0.0065
Iowa	0.3896	0.0762	1.3204	0.0000	0.8664	0.1530
1/ Idaho	0.4556	0.0000	0.3586	0.0000	0.4072	0.0662
* Illinois	2.6875	0.9102	2.2247	1.1917	2.4373	1.4481
Indiana	4.4408	0.0000	6.8548	0.5610	5.5804	1.7204
Kansas	0.5911	0.0000	0.2167	0.0000	0.3999	0.0000
Kentucky	1.6008	0.4100	3.0969	1.2233	2.3502	1.2393
Louisiana	0.7727	0.2410	0.7153	0.2197	0.7439	0.3806
Massachusetts	3.5247	2.4440	4.0579	2.8980	3.7917	2.9989
Maryland	1.6095	0.5668	2.0433	1.0573	1.8315	1.1146
* Maine	1.4000	0.0000	1.5185	0.0000	1.4625	0.3036
Michigan	2.3761	0.5835	1.7033	0.0000	2.0277	0.2601
Minnesota	0.5833	0.0978	0.3149	0.0619	0.4569	0.1737
* Missouri	1.5924	0.4369	1.2094	0.0000	1.3940	0.3477
Mississippi	0.9894	0.1287	1.8434	0.4256	1.4119	0.5866
Montana	3.3852	1.0634	1.8972	0.0000	2.6380	1.1276
North Carolina	2.0429	0.0000	3.4976	0.2029	2.7253	0.6683
North Dakota	0.1500	0.0000	1.9895	0.0000	1.0623	0.0000
* Nebraska	0.2582	0.0524	1.6494	1.0107	0.9668	0.6261
New Hampshire	0.1696	0.0000	1.1942	0.4992	0.6753	0.2728
New Jersey	1.9560	0.9321	0.4626	0.1059	1.1951	0.6610
New Mexico	0.5274	0.0000	2.6145	0.0000	1.6058	0.0000
Nevada	2.5076	0.1642	1.9738	0.0000	2.2238	0.4834
New York	1.3252	0.6279	1.6837	0.8457	1.4963	0.9552
Ohio	4.3173	0.0000	2.4553	1.5587	3.3731	0.9600
Oklahoma	1.1655	0.1045	2.1662	0.3156	1.6774	0.5982
* Oregon	0.8913	0.1899	0.6618	0.2037	0.7712	0.3598
Pennsylvania	2.3944	1.2069	2.1217	1.1819	2.2562	1.5013
Rhode Island	3.9053	0.0000	3.8927	1.3630	3.8983	1.1278
South Carolina	0.7509	0.2105	1.2688	0.2388	1.0106	0.4280
South Dakota	0.3555	0.0000	1.0949	0.0000	0.7262	0.0322
Tennessee	3.5993	1.9799	6.1039	2.7546	4.7499	2.9797
Texas	1.4959	0.4049	2.3642	1.0709	1.9507	1.0970
Utah	2.7363	0.2244	0.3789	0.0659	1.5290	0.2931
Virginia	2.1743	0.2769	1.0467	0.0000	1.5873	0.3717
Vermont	0.4456	0.0000	2.3766	0.0000	1.5085	0.0000
Washington	1.8960	0.3538	1.1140	0.5149	1.4764	0.6927
Wisconsin	1.0707	0.4938	1.2133	0.0000	1.1433	0.0000
West Virginia	4.3035	0.0000	2.0812	0.0000	3.2440	0.6218
Wyoming	6.2912	0.0000	1.2477	0.0000	3.9395	0.0000

* MEQC Pilot State - Rates based on FY 1993 data
1/ Error rates based on FY 1993 data because October 93-March 94 period is incomplete

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NATIONAL RATE 1093	NATIONAL RATE 0494	NATIONAL RATE FY 1994
2.0529	2.0998	2.0759 *

* Estimated (Based on incomplete data/changes to FY 1994 data based on MEQC pilot program)