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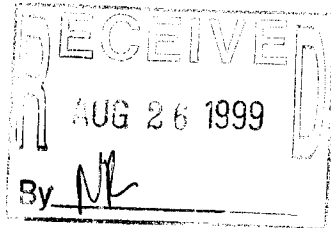
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SUBJECT: DATE FOR CONVERSION TO FISCAL INTERMEDIARY ACCESS TO
MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA .

PURPOSE

This letter is to alert Health Care Plans (HCPs) that all of your systems that support your Medi-Cal managed care contract **must** be converted to the new Fiscal Intermediary Access to Medi-Cal Eligibility (FAME) reporting system by the end of October 1999.

BACKGROUND

You have previously been advised in several letters of the necessity to convert your Medi-Cal contracts systems to FAME. This letter constitutes the next phase of Medi-Cal managed care program conversion to that end.

POLICY

This letter is to ensure that HCPs convert to the new HCP FAME eligibility reporting system by the end of October 1999. Beginning with the November 1999 Month of Eligibility (MOE), the PHP Address Masterfile and the IDCHANGE data files will no longer be available. The sole source of HCP Medi-Cal eligibility data will be the FAME file.

For this reason, the Department advises all HCPs to accelerate their required FAME conversion schedules/workplans to meet the deadline of November 1999 MOE.

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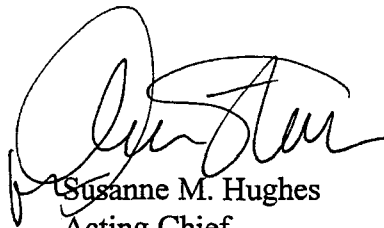
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All HCPs will receive their November 1999 MOE eligibility information electronically. All HCPs must have the capability to access the Department's Medi-Cal Extranet for State Healthcare (MESH) connection or the existing Health and Welfare Data Center (HWDC) dedicated connection to accept the new FAME files.

DISCUSSION

In previous policy letters, we informed HCPs to be prepared to convert to the new FAME reporting system. In anticipation to the November 1999 cutoff, we are asking for your cooperation to run a parallel test using the October 1999 MOE FAME files to attest to the ability of your system to process eligibility information. A representative of the Department's Information Technology Services Division will be contacting you soon after the first of October to survey the results of this test.

We appreciate your efforts to date and look forward to the successful and timely completion of this difficult task. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Sandra Zajkowski, Chief of the Systems Support Unit, at (916) 653-2973.



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