

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 84-50

RE: RE-TRAINING OF AB 251, SECTION 105 - MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES'
OTHER HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM

This letter is to inform you that statewide county re-training regarding AB 251, Section 105 will begin in November 1984. Section 105 requires county welfare departments obtain other health coverage (OHC) insurance information from all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including AFDC recipients at the time of application, reapplication or redetermination and at any time that entitlement changes. The beneficiaries' insurance information is to be submitted to the Department of Health Services (DHS) via the HRB-2A for purposes of recovering monies owed to the Medi-Cal program.

REGULATORY BACKGROUND

For the Medi-Cal only population, Sections 50703(c)(1), 50185(a)(1)(6), 50763(a)(1)(2) and 50175(a)(2) of Title 22 of the California Administrative Code require, as a condition of eligibility, that beneficiaries provide required information regarding other health insurance coverage. The completion and submission of the Health Insurance Questionnaire (HRB-2A) to Health Insurance Unit meets this legal obligation.

For the AFDC-based Medi-Cal population, Section 10020 of the Welfare & Institutions Code requires that no person having private health care coverage shall be entitled to receive the same health care furnished or paid for by Medi-Cal. Consequently, AFDC recipients are to disclose OHC information during intake or redetermination process and that information is to be submitted to DHS for purposes of recovering dollars owed to the Medi-Cal program.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training is scheduled to begin in November 1984 and end April 1985. The purpose of the training class will be to:

1. serve as a refresher course designed to cover the purpose and importance of the Beneficiaries Other Health Coverage (HRB-2A) Program;
2. address county specific problems identified by HIU in processing HRB-2A's;
3. address program changes which have occurred since implementation, and;
4. answer questions and/or concerns of program staff regarding completion of and forwarding procedures for the HRB-2A form.

A representative from HIU will be in contact with your program liaison during November or December 1984 to discuss a training schedule and establish training dates for your specific county.

If you have any questions regarding the other health coverage identification process or the upcoming training, please contact Laura Garcia, Health Insurance Unit, Recovery Branch, (916) 739-3247 or on the toll free number (800) 952-5294.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: County Liaison