DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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April 6, 1987

TO: All County Welfare Directors   Letter No.: 87- 15
      All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: NAME/BIRTHDATE MATCH PROCESS

This is to notify county welfare departments that a revised name/
birthdate match will be implemented after MEDS renewal in April
1987 with reports to the county in May 1987. Thereafter, the
reports will be sent in April of each year.

The name/birthdate match was jointly developed with Department of
Social Services (DSS) to identify possible duplicate program
participation and assist counties in detecting potential program
abuse. It also serves to identify duplicate records which were
added to MEDS erroneously so that counties can link the records
via an EW11 transaction.

Name/Birthdate System Design

Following describes the match criteria which will be used when
comparing all MEDS records with the same name/birthdate:

o   Only active records will be compared.

o   All sensitive service records will be eliminated from the
     match.

o   Name, first and last, must match exactly.

o   Birthdate must match exactly on month and day, birthyear
     plus or minus two years.

The Department will use a two step match process to identify
duplicate records:

Step 1

When a match occurs and both records are Medi-Cal Only (MCO) or
one record is MCO and one is Food Stamp (FS), the system logic
will look at the remaining family members in each case. If one
or more family members match or there are no other records in the
case, the original match will be sent to the Medi-Cal Only
program for review. All family members in the matched cases will
be listed on the reports when one or more match.

If both records are MCO and none of the remaining family members match, the original matched records will be bypassed. In the situation where one record is MCO and one record is FS and no match occurs with remaining family members, the original matched records will be sent to the Food Stamp program for resolution.

Step 2

When any match includes an AFDC cash record or two FS records, the system logic will not check other family members in the cases. All such matches will be forwarded to the appropriate program for resolution.

When determining which county program (AFDC-Cash, Food Stamp or Medi-Cal Only) will be responsible for reviewing the match, the following criteria (category/program) will be used:

Category	Program
AFDC to AFDC	AFDC
AFDC to MCO	AFDC
MCO to MCO	MCO
AFDC to FS	AFDC
FS to FS	FS
MCO to FS	MCO if there is a match on other family records or there are no other family records in the case, otherwise to FS program.
MCO to SSI	State Alert
AFDC to SSI	State Alert
FS to SSI	State Alert
SSI to SSI	State Alert

Upon completion of the match process, reports will be generated. All matched record reports which include an SSI beneficiary will be sent to the Department's Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch, Systems Unit, for research and resolution of the records. All remaining records will be sent to the appropriate counties. Attachment 1 is a sample copy of the report format. The reports will be

produced in county, district and worker number order. Only one report will be sent to the appropriate program (see above chart) when matches contain records within the same county. If a match contains records for two different counties, a report will be sent to both counties regardless of category/program.

Should you have any questions regarding the name/birthdate match please contact the Department of Health Services Medi-Cal Eligibility MEDS liaison.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
      Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: April 6, 1988

Attachment I

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
NAME/BIRTHDATE MATCH REPORT
ACTIVE TO ACTIVE RECORDS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	COUNTY ID	MEDS ID	PROG IND	VER CODE	<------FOOD STAMPS------> WORKER DIST CASE NAME			<------ MEDI-CAL ------> WORKER DIST CASE NAME		
DAY	HAP	P	02/03/947	F	99 99 9999999 99 9	999999999	001	7	DE99	099	DAY, HAPPY	MA99	099	DAY, HAPPY
DAY	HAP	P	02/03/947	F	99 99 9999999 99 9	888888888	004	7						
BODY	ANY	E	01/07/950	M	99 99 9999999 99 9	777777777	005	7	DE99	099	BODY, ANY	MA99	060	BODY, ANY
BODY	ANY	E	01/07/950	M	99 99 9999999 99 9	666666666	005	7	DE99	099	BODY, ANY	MA99	099	BODY, ANY