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

Letter No.: 93-58

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES AFFECTING UNEMPLOYED PARENTS

REF. ACWDL 91-90

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of proposed regulation changes to Section 50215, Title 22, California Code of Regulations. This section defines how counties determine deprivation of a child based on unemployment of a parent.

The Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) program no longer makes reference to certain types of education or training programs or requires that an unemployed parent be available for and actively seeking employment. Instead, the parent must cooperate in the Greater Avenues of Independence (GAIN) or JOBS program. Although Medi-Cal has no Gain/JOBS requirement, we are deleting Subsections 50215 (a) (4) and (b) (3) to comply with AFDC regulations.

AFDC no longer requires that an unemployed parent possess or apply for a Social Security number (SSN); however, an SSN is a general requirement of that program. Although we are deleting Subsection 50215 (b) (5) to comply with AFDC regulations, an SSN is still a requirement for full Medi-Cal benefits and we are not deleting that requirement (Section 50187). It should be noted that an SSN may be required by the Department of Employment Development when a person applies for unemployment insurance benefits.

A draft copy of these proposed changes is enclosed. These will be incorporated into a broader regulation package. Counties should begin implementation of these changes no later than November 1993.

If you have any questions, please contact Marge Buzdas at (916) 657-0726.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES TO SECTION 50215

Amend 50215 to read:

50215. Deprivation-Unemployed Parent.

(a) No Change

(1) No Change

(2) No Change

(3) No Change

~~(4) Unemployed and has been accepted for or is participating in an education training program essential to future self support which is all of the following:~~

~~(A) Directed toward a specific occupation and will qualify the unemployed person for an occupation in demand in the local area.~~

~~(B) A program which will be completed by the unemployed person within a maximum of two years.~~

~~(C) Not a program which involves post baccalaureate work.~~

(b) No Change

(1) No Change

(2) No Change

~~(3) Is available for and actively seeking employment~~

(3) (4) No Change

~~(5) Possesses, or has applied for, a Social Security number.~~

{6} (4) Has not refused to apply for and accept any unemployment insurance benefits (UIB) to which he is entitled.

{7} (5) Has established a connection with the labor force in either of the following ways:

(A) By meeting one or a combination of the following requirements in 6 calendar quarters within any 13 calendar quarter periods ending within the year prior to the ~~month~~ quarter of application for Medi-Cal:

1. Earns a gross income of least \$50 during the quarter.
2. Participated ~~for at least five days~~ during the quarter in any activity administered under any of the following:
 - a. The Work Incentive (WIN) Program
 - b. The Work Incentive Demonstration Program (WIN Demo).
 - c. The Community Work Experience Program (CWEP) including the San Diego Employment Work Experience Program (EWEP).
 - d. The Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.
3. ~~A combination of 1 and 2.~~

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10725 and 14124.5, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 14005.4, 14995.7 and 14051, Welfare and Institutions Code.