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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No. 03-26E  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Errata to All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 03-26

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) errata is to correct previous guidance provided in ACWDL 03-26 regarding Medi-Cal coverage for children under the Safe Arms for Newborns Law – Abandoned Baby Program.

Corrections to ACWDL 03-26 are recorded using the following:

- strike-through for deleted language; and
- underline and bolding for adding new language

### Application Process Clarification

The updated language, located on page 3, for ACWDL 03-26 will be:

“Actual names and birth dates will likely be unavailable and the health facility identification information and estimated birth date will be used in establishing the Medi-Cal eligibility record. Health facilities may use names for identification purposes such as “Baby Doe 47 **BBB**” or “Abandoned Baby 23 **AAA**”; these are acceptable and usable on Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System. **Names may not utilize numbers; they may only utilize alphabetic characters.** The eligibility for these children is guaranteed and shall be done as a confidential record and will be used only for the period of eligibility under the Safe Arms for Newborn Law. At the time the child either enters the foster care system or is placed with a responsible relative or caretaker, continuing eligibility for Medi-Cal, if necessary, will be established under normal program criteria.”

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