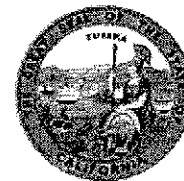




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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER Letter No.: 02-58
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY POLICY ON MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEMS
(MEDS) ONLINE POINT OF SERVICE INQUIRY SCREEN (MOPI)

The Department of Health Services is continuing the process of removing MEDS printers as explained in All County Welfare Directors Letter Number 02-09 dated February 1, 2002.

The removal of these printers means that some counties will no longer have the ability to print out the MC 302 Green Cards (temporary paper cards). The purpose of this letter is to provide information concerning the use of MOPI screens as an alternative to printing the MC 302 Green Cards.

It is our understanding that some counties that no longer have these printers have been printing the "MOPI" screen from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data Systems (MEDS) screens in place of the MC 302 Green Cards. This printing of MEDS screens does not conform to the Department of Health Services' long-standing policy of not releasing any MEDS screen printouts outside of the Department. Programming changes are being made which will enable counties to prepare temporary paper cards on plain paper stock without the need for special printers.

In the interim, counties may continue to print MOPI screens for providers until the programming changes are completed. If you need to print a MOPI screen for a provider, please black out the Eligibility Verification (EVC) Number and advise providers to do their own eligibility verification if they want proof of eligibility for their records. Counties may also want to consider putting the paper card information on county letterhead, a form letter, and handwritten or other informal county correspondence (such as speed letters, handwritten or typed notes).



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The Department's Information and Technology and Systems Division is working to automate a new printout to replace the MC302 Green Cards. Once this is completed, the Department will notify counties via an All County Welfare Directors Letter.

If you have any questions regarding the temporary paper card, please contact Ms. Marlene King at (916) 657-0134. If you have questions regarding the confidentiality issues in this letter, please contact Ms. Ana Fellines at (916) 657-1401.

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