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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 05-34
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS ARE TO BE DONE
IMMEDIATELY ON ALL CASES RECEIVING IN-HOME CARE
SERVICES THAT HAVE NOT YET HAD ONE IN ORDER TO
AVOID THE LOSS OF FEDERAL PARTICIPATION

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to alert the counties that Medi-Cal eligibility determinations on all cases receiving in-home care services were to have been completed by a Medi-Cal Eligibility Worker using Medi-Cal rules and Medi-Cal shares of cost calculations by October 1, 2005. California Department of Health Services (CDHS) budgeted approximately \$11 million dollars in the current year's budget for county activities to complete the redeterminations.

There are many cases that have not been redetermined in some counties. These cases must be completed as soon as possible as the State is at risk of losing federal financial participation the longer these eligibility determinations are delayed. The counties are also at risk of losing the federal share of their county costs associated with these services. For the In-Home Supportive Services Plus Waiver cases alone, that amount is approximately \$93 million annually. CDHS, Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch, will continue to send you updated lists of outstanding cases and monitor the counties' progress.

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