

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

December 27, 1990
Letter No: 90-112

SUBJECT: ONSITE BUY-IN PRESENTATION AND STATE BUY-IN HANDBOOK

Recent changes to the State Buy-In System and MEDS have required the development of new Buy-In procedures.

To familiarize county staff with the new procedures and programs, the Department of Health Services Medicare Buy-In Unit will offer onsite Buy-In Training to all interested counties. In addition, the State Buy-In Handbook will be revised to include all subjects new to the Medicare Buy-In program. Enclosed is a Medicare Buy-In Program Questionnaire to provide counties an opportunity to submit suggestions for Onsite Buy-In Presentations and a revised State Buy-In Handbook.

The Onsite Buy-In presentations will be provided to county eligibility workers, supervisors, trainers and other interested parties and will take place during May through June and September through November 1991, then resume in March 1992. The Buy-In presentation will take approximately 1 1/2 - 2 hours, including time for questions and answers.

The State Buy-In Handbook is currently being revised to include several new subjects not covered in the handbook published in 1987. The new State Buy-In Handbook is scheduled to be published in February/March 1991. Distribution of the handbooks will take place in April/May 1991. Among the subjects being added are:

1. Medicare Buy-In Redesign
2. Medicare Indicator Code Expansion
3. Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries
4. Qualified Disabled Working Individuals
5. Refugee Alien Information Reporting System

Please return the completed questionnaire by February 1, 1991 to Steven Yien at:

State of California
Department of Health Services
Other Coverage Section/Buy-In Unit
6620 Folsom Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95819

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If you have any questions, please contact Steven Yien at (916) 739-2818.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
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Enclosure

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

MEDICARE BUY-IN PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Would your county like a Buy-In Presentation? Yes No
2. If no, would you like Buy-In reference materials sent to you? Yes No
(Proceed to question #11)
3. Could you be a host county for training? Yes No
4. If yes, how many people would you be able to comfortably accommodate in a
in a training class? 5-10 11-20 21-25
5. How many training sessions could you schedule? one two three
 four or more
6. Would your staff be able to travel to a host county? Yes No
7. The ideal month(s) for training would be in May June
 September October November
 Any of the above or March 1992
8. The ideal training time would be in the morning afternoon
9. Approximate number of staff attending. 1-5 6-10
 11-20 21-25
10. Do you have an overhead viewer and screen? Yes No
11. The previous State Buy-In Handbook (1987) was too technical basic
 just right
12. The previous State Buy-In Handbook was a useful reference guide
 training guide both not useful
13. How many new State Buy-In Handbooks would your county need? _____
14. Suggestions _____

(Please use reverse side of form if more space is needed)

County: _____ Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____