

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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January 9, 1992

Letter No.: 92-03

To: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All Pickle Coordinators

Subject: SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS DISCONTINUED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1991
(Lynch v. Rank) -- 503 LEADS

REFERENCE: Pickle Handbook, 503 Leads, Section 3, pages 3-1 through 3-3

The above referenced section of the Pickle Handbook describes procedures counties are to follow upon receipt of the 503 Leads File Report. Pickle Coordinators will receive the initial listing the first week in January 1992; a sample of the 503 Leads File Report is enclosed. It will contain the names and addresses of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who were discontinued from the Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) effective January 1992 due to the Title II Social Security cost of living increase. Presumptive Pickle eligibility has been established on MEDS for these individuals for January through April 1992.

Counties will receive additional monthly updated reports during the months of February through November 1992. The updated 503 Leads File Reports will indicate those individuals, if any, for whom counties still must conduct a Pickle determination. Problems identified with these reports during 1991 have been corrected. Additional names will not be added to the updated reports; however, the names of those individuals who: 1) have been reinstated on SSI/SSP, 2) had their Pickle status updated, or 3) have been determined Medi-Cal eligible for Pickle, In-Home Supportive Services or Long Term Care will be deleted as updated reports are generated. Once all of the names have been deleted, your county will no longer receive the 503 Leads File Report.

At the same time the report is provided to you, Medi-Cal Pickle 503 Leads Notices (Type 51) are sent by the Department of Health Services (DHS) to affected beneficiaries. A sample copy of the Type 51 notice is enclosed; it now includes Food Stamp information.

Pursuant to the Lynch v. Rank court order, counties must ensure that the eligibility determination on these 503 Leads individuals is completed prior to April 30, 1992. If a delay has prevented counties from contacting or completing a determination on the remaining individuals by the end of April month of eligibility (MOE), Medi-Cal cards must continue to be issued through the appropriate county until a determination has been completed. Please refer to 503 Leads, Section 3, pages 3-1 through 3-3 of your Pickle Handbook for instructions on extending Medi-Cal eligibility for the May MOE and ongoing until all redeterminations are completed.

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NOTE: If Medi-Cal eligibility is established as a Pickle aid type, county welfare departments (CWDs) should submit updates to MEDS to establish ongoing eligibility. Since these records have a future term date, if an update is submitted prior to May MOE, the EW20 transaction must be submitted as an Inter Program Transfer (ESAC = 2 or 7). The Pickle status code will automatically be updated by these transactions.

However, if a beneficiary is determined to be currently ineligible for Medi-Cal benefits as a Pickle aid type, CWDs are required to submit an EW60 transaction (Modify Pickle Status Information) to MEDS to update the Pickle status to show that the beneficiary is potentially Pickle eligible (Tickler file).

Please direct any Pickle policy questions to Sylvia Finberg at (916) 657-0080/CALNET 437-0080. MEDS questions should be directed to your county MEDS Liaison or for Program/System problems to the MEDS "Hotline" at (916) 654-0341/CALNET 464-0341.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Ricardo Bustamante for

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosures

State of California--Health and Welfare Agency
Department of Health Services
Medical Assistance

NOTICE TYPE 51
NOTICE PREPARATION DATE:

MEDI-CAL NOTICE

DISCONTINUANCE OF SSI/SSP MEDI-CAL -
EXTENDED MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY
(503 Leads--Pickle)

PN00001

LAST FIRST MI
FIRST MI LAST
FIRST ADDRESS LINE
SECOND ADDRESS LINE
THIRD ADDRESS LINE ZIP CODE

TO: Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Discontinued
From SSI/SSP on January 1, 19XX

CONTINUED MEDI-CAL BENEFITS & FOOD STAMPS

You were recently told by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that your Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits have stopped. That notice also instructed you to contact your county welfare department within 30 days if you wanted your Medi-Cal benefits to continue. You should ignore the information included in the notice that related to your Medi-Cal benefits.

The reason your SSI/SSP checks were stopped is that you received an increase in your Social Security benefits. Although this increase makes you ineligible for the SSI/SSP check, you will continue to receive Medi-Cal benefits under a federal law called the Pickle Amendment until the county evaluates your eligibility. Those who are Pickle eligible will continue to receive Medi-Cal without a share of cost.

To help you, we have listed below the address and telephone number of the county welfare department in your area. If you do not hear from them by March 15, be sure to contact a worker at your local county welfare department.

You may also be eligible for food stamps, if you are not receiving an SSI/SSP check. Those receiving an SSI/SSP check are not eligible. Food stamps are coupons that can be used to pay for food. Your local County Welfare Office will tell you more about food stamps and even help you apply.

If you are receiving SSI/SSP benefits, please ignore this notice.

Contact: (appropriate county welfare
office address, and
telephone number)

REPORT NO. MR-MED820-ROO3
 REPORT DATE 12/15/87
 TITLE 503 LEADS FILE REPORT
 DISTRICT 999
 WORKER AI

CASE-NAME DOE
 COUNTY-ID 99-99-9999999-9-99
 MDS-ID 999-99-9999
 BIRTHDATE 11-08-955
 SEX F
 ELIG-STATUS 001
 JANE A
 PICKLE-TICKLER CO
 SSI-LAST-RECEIVED 12-87
 LAST-PICKLE-CHG 12-11-87
 ANY PLACE ANY STREET ANY TOWN, CALIFORNIA ZIP

CASE-NAME SHITH
 COUNTY-ID 99-99-9999999-9-99
 MDS-ID 999-99-9999
 BIRTHDATE 09-30-944
 SEX M
 ELIG-STATUS 001
 SMITH JOHN Z
 PICKLE-TICKLER CO
 SSI-LAST-RECEIVED 12-86
 LAST-PICKLE-CHG 12-10-86
 744 P STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95814

CASE-NAME NEUMAN
 COUNTY-ID 99-99-9999999-9-99
 MDS-ID 999-99-9999
 BIRTHDATE 04-01-936
 SEX M
 ELIG-STATUS 003
 NEUMAN ALFRED E
 PICKLE-TICKLER CO
 SSI-LAST-RECEIVED 12-87
 LAST-PICKLE-CHG 12-11-87
 714 P STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95814

CASE-NAME BOND
 COUNTY-ID 99-99-9999999-9-99
 MDS-ID 999-99-9999
 BIRTHDATE 04-19-927
 SEX M
 ELIG-STATUS 596
 BOND JAMES
 PICKLE-TICKLER CO
 SSI-LAST-RECEIVED 12-87
 LAST-PICKLE-CHG 12-11-87
 744 P STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95814

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