TO: All County Welfare Directors
    All County Administrative Officers.
    All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

Letter No.: 95-82

DENIAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM
PAYMENT/EMPLOYER GROUP HEALTH PLAN PROGRAMS

This is to inform you that, effective immediately, the California Department of Social
Services Administrative Adjudications Division (AAD) will discontinue providing hearings on
appeals for denials of enrollment or termination from the Health Insurance Premium Payment
(HIPP) and Employer Group Health Plan (EGHP) Programs.

Hearing rights extend to Medi-Cal beneficiaries when there is a "termination, suspension,
or reduction of Medicaid eligibility or covered services." Because an individual's eligibility for
and level of service under the Medi-Cal program is unaffected by a decision to deny or terminate
participation in either the HIPP or EGHP Program, the Department of Health Services is not
required to provide hearing rights.

Upon request for filing of an administrative hearing, AAD will deny scheduling
administrative hearings and notify claimants that HIPP/EGHP cases which are denied from
enrollment or terminated from either program are not appealable.

If you have any questions regarding hearing rights as they relate to the HIPP or EGHP
Programs, please contact Judy Gelein of the HIPP/EGHP Program, Third Party Liability Branch
at (916) 323-9588.

Sincerely,

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