

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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

Letter No.: 92-08

SUBJECT: DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The purpose of this letter is to advise counties that effective December 1, 1988 and continuing, regardless of the date of receipt, disaster assistance funds from federal, state, or local government agencies, or disaster assistance organizations, are permanently exempt and shall not be counted as income or property. These exemptions are mandated by the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-288), Public Law 95-171, and Public Law 101-707. Prior to December 1, 1988 only some of these funds were excluded from resources for 9 months.

Interest earned on funds exempt under this provision is exempt from income and from property. If the exempt funds have been commingled with nonexempt funds, interest accruing on the account(s) must be prorated.

Due to the delay in implementation, if:

- o A case is known to the county to have such funds, or
- o As soon as a case with such funds is brought to the county's attention, or
- o When reopening a case which was closed since December 1, 1988 due to excess property,

The county shall, if applicable, rescind any discontinuance or denial due to excess property resulting from such funds and, if applicable issue retroactive Medi-Cal cards.

If you have any questions, please call Dave Rappolee (regarding income) at (916) 657-0163 or Sharyl Shanen-Raya (regarding property) at (916) 657-2942.

Sincerely,

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Frank S. Marfucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch