

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

714/744 P STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

May 2, 1979

To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 79-12

## SECOND MEDICAL OPINION

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has announced a national second opinion program. The objective of the program is to inform the public of the desirability of obtaining a second medical opinion concerning recommended surgery and other major medical treatment.

Medi-Cal recipients or other interested individuals who contact the county welfare department seeking the names of physicians who will give second medical opinion examinations should be advised to contact the local county medical society, except as noted below.

In the following counties inquiries should be directed as follows:

Medicare - Blue Shield 415/445-5621		Occidental Life Insurance Company of California 213/742-3799
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El Dorado	Plumas	Riverside
Kern	Sacramento	Ventura
Kings	Sierra	
Lassen	Siskiyou	
Modoc	Tuolumne	

For additional information, please refer residents of your county to the national hotline number which is 800/325-6400.

As second opinions are covered by the Medi-Cal program, we will include this information in the Procedures portion of the Eligibility Manual for future reference.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Doris Z. Soderberg, Chief  
Eligibility Branch  
Medical Care Standards Divisioncc: Medi-Cal Liaisons  
Medi-Cal Field Representatives

Expiration Date: November 30, 1979

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May 25, 1979

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To: County Welfare Directors of  
Alpine, Amador, Del Norte, Madera, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Nevada,  
San Benito, Trinity, Tuolumne

ELIGIBILITY REPORTING FOR SHARE-OF-COST BENEFICIARIES

The "Paper County" card production system has been modified to accept M-208 eligibility data for share-of-cost beneficiaries without producing a CID Medi-Cal card each month. This will allow counties to report their entire share-of-cost caseloads so that the Department can compile accurate statistical data and insure the continuity of the Medicare Buy-In operation for those share-of-cost beneficiaries eligible for Medicare.

The "Paper Counties" will no longer automatically receive first of the month Medi-Cal cards via M-208 reporting for the following aid codes: 17, 27, 37, 47, 67, 83, 85 and 89. Medi-Cal cards for beneficiaries in these aid codes must be requested through the standard MC-177, Record of Health Care Cost, procedures. Please refer to Article 12 (regulations and procedures) for a description of the MC-177 process.

Medi-Cal cards may be requested and received via the M-208 for "Medically Needy-Long Term Care" beneficiaries, aid codes: 13, 23, 43, and 63. Since these aid codes may or may not have a share-of-cost, it is still the counties' responsibility to insure that the proper share-of-cost amount is added to the Medi-Cal card prior to issuance to the beneficiary as the M-208 process does not have the capability of coding the long term care share-of-cost amount on the card.

Should you have any questions concerning this modification or reporting requirements, please contact Doug Knutson at (916) 445-1912 or 714 P Street, Room 1692, Sacramento, 95814.

Sincerely,

Doris Z. Soderberg, Chief  
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