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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers

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SUBJECT: Treatment Of SSA (Title II) and SSI/SSP (Title XVI)  
Overlapping Payments When Determining Pickle  
Eligibility

This letter is to inform you of a change, effective December 1, 1987 in the treatment of overlapping SSA and SSI/SSP payments. The change relates to a person who applies for SSA and SSI/SSP simultaneously. If the person is granted SSI/SSP first, and the SSA is then approved several months later retroactively to the date of application, that person is still potentially Pickle eligible.

In these instances the Pickle applicant may have been required to reimburse the SSI/SSP program for any benefits received; however, he/she is still to be considered to have been eligible for and entitled to receive both SSA and SSI/SSP in the same month.

This provision does not apply to persons who are determined ineligible for SSI/SSP for reasons other than receipt of SSA benefits.

Example:

Jack Overlap applied for SSI/SSP and SSA disability on September 19, 1986. The Social Security Administration computed and approved the SSI/SSP grant before computing the SSA payments. Consequently, Jack began receiving SSI/SSP benefits effective September 19. His SSA benefits were approved in December with an effective date of September 1986. It was determined that his SSA payments were marginally more than his SSI/SSP payments. As a result his SSI/SSP benefits were discontinued effective December 31, 1986, and he was required to pay back the SSI/SSP received.

Jack is considered to be potentially Pickle eligible at the time of the January 1987 SSA cost of living increase and a Pickle eligibility determination must be completed by the county welfare department.

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Any questions concerning this change should be directed to RaNae Dunne at (916) 324-4955 or ATSS 454-4955.

Sincerely,

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons  
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