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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 89- 40

SUBJECT: LYNCH v. RANK 503 LEADS LISTING (PICKLE)

REFERENCE: Section 3 of the Pickle Handbook

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors' Letter (ACWDL) is to let you know that the Department of Health Services (DHS) will be creating a fifth Lynch v. Rank "503 Leads" (Pickle) listing. This listing will be sent to all affected counties sometime in May 1989 and each subsequent year. This listing will alert counties of those individuals who must have a Medi-Cal card issued through the county of residence pending a Pickle eligibility determination. As you are aware the 503 Leads listing contains the names and addresses of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are discontinued from SSI/SSP in January of each year, due to the annual Title II (RSDI) cost-of-living increase. These individuals are granted four months of continuing Medi-Cal eligibility (January through April), pending a Pickle eligibility determination by the county welfare department. Currently, the DHS provides counties with four 503 Leads listings for the months of January through April.

The fifth 503 Leads listing will ensure that counties: a) update the Medi-Cal eligibility data system (MEDS) appropriately, b) meet their contract requirements as stated in the court order and c) extend Medi-Cal eligibility benefits beyond the April month of eligibility (MOE) until a determination has been completed.

Pursuant to the Lynch v. Rank court order, counties must ensure that the eligibility determination on these 503 Leads individuals is completed prior to discontinuance. If a delay has prevented counties from contacting or completing a determination on the remaining individuals, Medi-Cal cards must continue to be issued through the appropriate county until a determination is completed, but no sooner than the April MOE. Counties should follow the instructions on pages 3-1 through 3-3 in Section 3 of the Pickle Handbook, for extending Medi-Cal eligibility.

Thank you for your assistance. Any policy questions should be directed to RaNae M. Dunne at (916) 324-4955/ATSS 454-4955. MEDS questions should be directed to your State MEDS Liaison.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
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