January 19, 1990
Letter No: 90-10

TO: All County Welfare Directors
   All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: OTHER HEALTH COVERAGE

REFERENCE: ACWDL 88-92

In November 1988, the Department of Health Services' (DHS), Health Insurance Unit (HIU) mailed a questionnaire to all beneficiaries who were known to have Other Health Coverage (OHC) that was not cost avoided. The questionnaire asked about the scope of insurance coverage. The OHC codes of respondents indicating comprehensive coverage were converted to cost avoidance. Of some 67,000 beneficiaries contacted, approximately 14,000 were converted to cost avoidance.

A second conversion effort will begin late in January 1990, with the mailing of a questionnaire to those beneficiaries identified as having OHC since November 1988. A copy of the questionnaire is included for your information. If the beneficiary's response indicates full coverage, HIU will update MEDS with the appropriate cost avoidance code. Counties will receive a worker alert for any beneficiary whose MEDS record has been changed. A follow-up questionnaire to non-respondents is anticipated in May.

Please direct any questions to Shar Schroepfer of the Other Coverage Section at (916) 739-3275.

Sincerely,

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Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
    Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: January 19, 1991
January 26, 1990

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ERRATA NOTICE - All County Welfare Director Letter (ACWDL) No. 89-10 was released with the wrong number. Please change the letter number to 90-10. (See Enclosure.)

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

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