TO: All County Welfare Directors
   All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ACWDLS 82-44, 82-70, 82-72, 83-18, 83-37, 83-45

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Letter No. 90-110

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Emergency Assistance (EA) cash grant program was terminated on September 30, 1990. Assembly Bill 3282, Chapter 1225 repealed statutory authority for EA which includes an unemployed parent (aid code 06) and abused, neglected, and exploited children (aid code 43).

According to the Department of Social Services (see their All County Letter Number 90-92), services to abused and neglected children will continue under Child Welfare Services programs. Children in need of Medi-Cal-only benefits may be eligible as Medically Indigent under other aid codes such as 82 (Medically Indigent) or 45 (children supported by public funds).

Payment to eligible unemployed parents will continue under the nonfederal Aid to Families with Dependent Children (State Only AFDC-UP) if the family is otherwise eligible. As in the past, parents receiving State Only AFDC-UP are not eligible for Medi-Cal as unemployed parents and should not be reported to MEPS under aid code 33 unless they are eligible under another Medi-Cal program, i.e., person under 21, pregnant etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Marge Buzdas at (916) 324-4972, ATSS 454-4972.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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