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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

Letter No.: 92-07

SUBJECT: ERRATA TO ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER (ACWDL),
NO. 91-107, "TRANSFER OF ASSETS RULES AND MEDS REQUIREMENTS"

REFERENCES: ACWDLs: 89-82, 90-01, 90-58, 91-107

The purpose of this letter is correct information included in All County Welfare Directors Letter, No., 91-107 concerning the aid codes affected by the transfer of assets rules. Specifically, the first paragraph on page 2, under the caption "Aid-Codes and Transaction Requirements".

That paragraph read: "The aid codes impacted by the transfer of assets rules are 13, 23, 53, 55 and 63. The Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payments Program (SSI/SSP) recipients (aid codes 10, 20, 60) and In-Home-Support Services (IHSS) recipients (aid codes 28, 65, 68) are not impacted by the transfer of asset rules. However, if an SSI/SSP or IHSS recipient later becomes institutionalized and transfers from a cash-based Medi-Cal aid code to a Medi-Cal only aid code then, the transfer of assets rules apply."

That paragraph should read: "Except for the following, any aid code may be impacted by the transfer of assets rules. The Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payments Program (SSI/SSP) recipients (aid codes 10, 20, 60) and In-Home Support Services (IHSS) recipients (aid codes 18, 28, 68) are not impacted by the transfer of assets rules. However, if an SSI/SSP or IHSS recipient later becomes institutionalized and transfers from a cash-based Medi-Cal aid code to a Medi-Cal only aid code then, the transfer of assets rules apply."

This is because according to federal law, the definition of an institutionalized individual, for purposes of the transfer of assets rules, is one who receives nursing facility level of care in a medical institution or nursing facility. Therefore, the 30-month look-back period is triggered whenever an individual (regardless of aid code or MFBU composition) receives nursing facility level of care in a medical institution or nursing facility.

The same paragraph in the original ACWDL indicated that the aid codes for the IHSS program are: 28, 65 and 68. The correct aid codes for the IHSS program are: 18, 28 and 68.

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Sincerely,

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