Letter No.: 01-34

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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June 4, 2001

TO: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

All County Health Executives

All County Mental Health Directors

INCREASE IN THE SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY (SGA) AMOUNT

Ref: EMC2 No. 200127 (dated January 26, 2001)

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to inform counties that beginning January 1, 2001, the SGA amount for persons with impairments other than blindness has been increased from \$700 to \$740. SGA determinations made on or after January 1, 2001, should utilize the new SGA amount of \$740. This information was distributed to counties via E-Mail on January 26, 2001.

On December 29, 2000, the Social Security Administration published final regulations in the Federal Register that require annual adjustments to the SGA amount based on the average wage index. The SGA amount for the year 2001 is \$740 using the new formula.

When the MC 272 (SGA Worksheet) is utilized or when the MC 273- (SGA Work Activity Report) is given to an applicant, counties should ensure that the \$500 SGA amount is crossed out and the new SGA amount of \$740 is inserted. Since the SGA amount may change annually, future revisions of the MC 272 or MC 273 will not include the actual SGA amount.

Revised MC 272 and MC 273 forms as well as procedures regarding their use will be issued shortly.

Counties are instructed to retroactively redetermine eligibility as counties become aware of cases that may have been denied erroneously due to the delay in implementing the new SGA amount.

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If you have any questions regarding the information above, please contact Ms. Marie Taketa of my staff at (916) 657-1250.

Sincerely,

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Shar Schroepfer, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Letter No.: 01-33

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May 30, 2001

TO: All County Welfare Directors All County Administrative Officers All County Medi-Cal Program Specialist/Liaisons All County Health Executives All County Mental Health Directors

CAMERA-READY COPIES OF NOTICES OF ACTION AFFECTED BY SENATE BILL 87 AND THE SNEEDE V. KIZER EXCLUDED CHILD STATEMENT FORM

All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) No. 01-17 Ref:

This letter contains new and revised camera ready copies of the Medi-Cal Notices of Action (NOA) as required by Senate Bill (SB) 87 (Chapter 1088 Statues of 2000). These changes (as outlined in ACWDL 01-17) are effective July 1, 2001.

The following NOAs are enclosed:

Revised

1.	MC 349	Continuation of Section 1931(b) Benefits – New
2.	MC 339	Approval for Section 1931(b) Benefits – Revised
3.	MC 340	Denial or Discontinuance of Section 1931(b) Benefits – Revised
4.	MC 350	Approval for the Medically Needy or Medically Indigent Programs – New
5.	MC 351	Denial or Discontinuance for the Medically Needy or Medically Indigent Program – New
6.	MC 346	Approval for Persons Age 21 to 65 in a Nursing Facility – New
7.	MC 347	Denial or Discontinuance of Benefits for Persons 21 to 65 in a Nursing Facility – New
8.	MC 239	TMC-1 Approval for Transitional Medi-Cal Benefits – Revised
9.	MC 239	TMC-3 Approval for the Second Year of Transitional Medi-Cal Benefits –

10.	MC 239B-2	Approval for Special Zero Share-of-Cost Program for Pregnant Women and Babies Up to One Year Old Revised
11.	MC 239B-4	Denial or Discontinuance of Benefits Under the Income Disregard Program for Pregnant Women and Infants Revised
12.	MC 239H	Approval for the 100 Percent Program – Revised
13.	MC 239B-6	Approval for the 133 Percent Program – Revised
14.	MC 239B-5	Denial or Discontinuance of Benefits Under the 133 Percent Program – Revised

Spanish versions of this form and the above NOAs will be sent out when they are available.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Margie Buzdas of my staff at (916) 657-0726.

Sincerely,

Shar Schroepfer, Chief

Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosures

	MEDI-CAL NOTICE OF ACTION ON OF SECTION 1931(b) B	ENEFITS			
				(COUNTY STAMP)	
		-]	Notice da	ite:	
		l		nber:	
			Worker n	ame:	
			Worker n	umber:	
			Worker te	elephone number:	
1		1	Office hor	urs:	
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Although your cash benefits for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program have stopped, your Medi-Cal will continue under the Section 1931(b) program. This program provides no-cost Medi-Cal benefits to certain low-income persons with eligible children.

You do not have to fill out monthly or quarterly status reports to keep Medi-Cal; however, if your cash benefits stopped because you did not return your CalWORKs monthly report **and** you had changes that you haven't reported to your cash worker, you must report those to your Medi-Cal worker now.

Receiving these Medi-Cal benefits does not count against any CalWORKs program time limits.

In order to remain eligible for this Medi-Cal program, you must:

- Have an eligible child living in the home who qualifies for Medi-Cal with no share-of-cost because one parent is deceased, absent, incapacitated, unemployed (or working with limited earnings), or you must be an eligible child living with a relative.
- Have income and property under a certain limit.
- Continue to meet all other Medi-Cal requirements.
- Report within ten days any significant changes that could affect your eligibility such as changes in your income, property, medical condition, or household situation.
- Complete the form for your Medi-Cal annual review when it is sent to you.

Always show your Benefits Identification Card (BIC) to your medical provider whenever you need care. This card is good as long as you are eligible for Medi-Cal. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR PLASTIC BIC.

The regulation that requires this action is California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50226.

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NOTICE OF ACTION SECTION 1931(b) APPROVAL FOR BENEFIT		•
		(COUNTY STAMP)
		Notice date:
1	ı	Case number:
		Worker name:
		Worker telephone number:
1	ı	Worker telephone number:
		Office hours:Notice for:
The Section 1931(b) program provides no-c eligible children.	ost Medi-Cal be	nefits to certain low-income persons with
→ You are entitled to full benefits beginning		· .
☐ Your benefits cover only emergency and	pregnancy-relate	ed services beginning
In order to remain eligible for this program, y	ou must:	

- Have an eligible child living in the home who qualifies for Medi-Cal with no share-of-cost because one parent is deceased, absent, incapacitated, unemployed (or working with limited earnings), or you must be an eligible child living with a relative.
- Have income and property under a certain limit.
- Continue to meet all other Medi-Cal requirements.
- Report within ten days any significant changes that could affect your eligibility, such as changes in your income, property, medical condition, or household situation.
- Complete the form for your Medi-Cal annual review when it is sent to you.

Always present your Benefits Identification Card (BIC) to your medical provider whenever you need care. This card is good as long as you are eligible for Medi-Cal. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR PLASTIC BIC.

The regulation that requires this action is California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50226.

NOTICE OF ACTION SECTION 1931(b) DENIAL OR DISCONTINUANCE OF BENE	EFITS	
		(COUNTY STAMP)
	一	Notice date: Case number: Worker name: Worker number:
L		Worker telephone number: Office hours: Notice for:
Your benefits under the Section 1931(b) prog		e discontinued effective the last day of
You are not eligible for the Section 1931(b) prog	gram.	
re is/are the reason(s) why: Your income is over the limit.		
Your property is over the limit. The limit is		•
You do not have an eligible child living in share-of-cost.	the home	who qualifies for Medi-Cal without a
You are working 100 hours or more and your fa	ımily's earn	ed income is over the limit.
Your child is over the age limit.		
Other:		
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You will receive another notice if you are eligible for another Medi-Cal program.

DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR PLASTIC BENEFITS IDENTIFICATION CARD (BIC). You can use it again if you become eligible or are eligible for another Medi-Cal program.

The regulation that requires this action is California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50226.

MEDI-CAI NOTICE OF AC APPROVAL FOR THE MEDIC MEDICALLY INDIGENT PRO	CTION CALLY NEEDY OR	(COUNTY STAMP)
		Notice date: Case number: Worker name: Worker number: Worker telephone number: Office hours: Notice for:
incapacitated, unemployed, or wor Medically Needy Program for the a Medically Indigent Program for pre Medically Indigent Program for per Medically Indigent Program for a co	mily with a child whose parking with limited earnings. aged, blind, or disabled. agnant women. asons under age 21.	rent(s) is/are absent from the home, deceased
changes in your income, property our income, property our will have to complete the first Receiving these Medi-Cal benefits of the first Pour are entitled to full benefits began Your benefits cover only emergency our are eligible with no share-of-cay our income exceeds the maintenty.	thly or quarterly status repeats any significant changerty, medical condition, or horm for your Medi-Cal annestits does not count against inning	orts to get Medi-Cal. ges that could affect your eligibility such as nousehold situation. ual review when it is sent to you. et any CalWORKs program time limits.
Your share-of-cost was computed Gross income Net nonexempt income Maintenance need Excess income/share-of-cost		

Always show your Benefits Identification Card (BIC) to your medical provider whenever you need care. This card is good as long as you are eligible for Medi-Cal. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR PLASTIC BIC.

The regulations that require this action are California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 50203, 50251, and 50653.

DENIAL OR DISC MEDICALLY NEEDY	E OF ACTION ONTINUANCE FOR OR MEDICALLY IN AM BENEFITS		(COUNTY STAMP)
			Notice date:
			Case number:
			Worker name:
			Worker number:
			Office hours:
			Notice for:
eligible for any of the foll You are being discontinu Medically Needy Pro	owing programs: led from the following logram for a family wanted logram for the aged, blogram for pregnant wanted	g program(s) with a child yed, or work lind, or disab women.	
	,	•	
	_		onsibility of a public agency.
① Other:			-
Here's why:			
You are no longer bling	nd or disabled and ye	ou are not aç	ged.
You are no longer pre	egnant.		
You are age 21 or old	ler but under age 65		
You are not a family incapacitated, unemp			s/are absent from the home, deceased, rnings.
You are no longer the	responsibility of a_p	oublic agency	<i>1</i> .
Your property is above	e the allowable limit	. The limit is	
☐ Other:			

You will receive another notice if you are eligible for another program. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR BENEFITS IDENTIFICATION CARD (BIC) IF YOU RECEIVED ONE. You can use it again if you become eligible for Medi-Cal.

The regulations that require this action are California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 50203 and 50251.

MEDI-CAL NOTICE OF ACTION PERSONS AGE 21 TO 65 IN A NURSING FACILITY APPROVAL FOR BENEFITS

	PERSONS AGE 21 TO 65 IN A NU APPROVAL FOR BEN		
			(COUNTY STAMP)
			Notice date:
			Case number:
			Worker name
	1	'	Worker number:
			Worker telephone:
			Office hours:
			Notice for:(Name)
or ii 7	ntermediate care nursing facility. They on the You are entitled to benefits beginning		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
J		int allowed, you have a	share-of-cost to pay or obligate toward you beginning
	Gross income	\$	
	Net nonexempt income	\$	
	Maintenance need	\$	
	Excess income/share-of-cost	\$	

In order to remain eligible for this program, you must:

- Have property under a certain limit.
- Continue to meet all other Medi-Cal requirements.
- You do not have to fill out monthly or quarterly status reports to get Medi-Cal.
- You must report within ten days any changes in your income, property, or household situation. Also report
 if your medical condition becomes worse.
- You will have to complete a form for your Medi-Cal annual review.

Your plastic Benefits Identification Card (BIC) will be mailed to you at the long-term care facility. DO NOT THROW THIS CARD AWAY. It is good as long as you are eligible for Medi-Cal benefits.

The regulation that requires this action is California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50251(b).

	NOTICE OF ACTION PERSONS AGE 21 TO 65 IN A NUR DENIAL OR DISCONTINUANCE (SING FACILITY		
			(COUNTY STAM	
			Notice date:	
	Г	コ	Case number:	
	1	ı	Worker name	
			Worker telephone number:	
			Office hours:	
			Notice for:	
	_			
	Your benefits under this program will	be discontinued effe	ective the last day of	·
	You are not eligible for this program.			
Hei	re is/are the reason(s) why:			
	Your property is over the limit. The pr	operty limit is	·	
	You are not or are no longer residing	in a nursing facility.		
	Other:			
Υοι	ı will receive another notice if you are e	eligible for another M	ledi-Cal program.	
	NOT THROW AWAY YOUR PLASTIC			You can use it
The	regulation that requires this action is 0	California Code of R	egulations, Title 22, Sect	ion 50251(b).

	NOTICE OF ACTION TRANSITIONAL MEDI-CAL (TMC) APPROVAL FOR FULL OR RESTRICTED BENEFITS	
		(COUNTY STAMP)
		Notice date: Case number: Worker name: Worker number:
		Worker telephone number: Office hours: Notice for:
=C	IC IS A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CONTINUING MEDI-C OR CERTAIN PERSONS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR THEIF SULT OF EARNINGS FROM EMPLOYMENT.	
J	You are eligible for initial TMC for the period	_ through
	You are entitled to full benefits.	
_	You are entitled to emergency and pregnancy-related benefits.	
	u will continue to receive TMC during this period if you have aployed. Receiving these Medi-Cal benefits does not count again	
Yo	u may be eligible for an additional six months of TMC at no cost i	f you:
•	Return the status report which the county will send you by the 2 income limits.	1st day of and be within
•	Attach to the status report proof of your family's monthly gross eyou. Save all your earnings statements and child care receipts.	
J	You are eligible for an additional six months for the period	through
	To remain eligible for the additional six months of TMC, you v status reports sent to you by the county during this period. The the first month and the second report will be due by the 21st six-month period. You must also:	e first report will be due by the 21st day of
	Continue to be employed.	
	Have earnings below a certain limit.	
	Have an eligible child in the home.	

When your additional six months of TMC benefits have ended, you will be evaluated for the second year of TMC or other Medi-Cal programs.

Always present your Benefits Identification Card (BIC) to your medical provider whenever you need care. This card is good as long as you are eligible for Medi-Cal. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR BIC.

The regulation which requires this action is California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50244.

MEDI-CAL NOTICE OF ACTION SECOND YEAR OF TRANSITIONAL MEDI-CAL (TMC) APPROVAL FOR BENEFITS

COND YEAR OF TRANSITIONAL MEDI-CAL (TMC) APPROVAL FOR BENEFITS	
	(COUNTY STAMP)
	Notice date: Case number:
	Worker name:
	Worker number:
	Worker telephone number:
	Office hours:
	Notice for:

A SECOND YEAR OF TMC IS AVAILABLE TO WORKING PERSONS AGE 19 AND OVER WHO RECEIVED ONE YEAR OF TMC BECAUSE THEY WERE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR THEIR CURRENT MEDI-CAL PROGRAM DUE TO EMPLOYMENT.

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You are entitled to full benefits.
Your benefits only cover emergency and pregnancy-related services.

You must:

- Continue to be employed.
- Have an eligible child in the home.
- Have average earnings minus child care costs at or below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Report any changes in your income or household composition with ten days.

When your benefits have ended, you will be evaluated for other Medi-Cal programs.

Always present your Benefits Identification Card (BIC) to your medical provider whenever you need care. This card is good as long as you are eligible for Medi-Cal. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR BIC.

The regulation which requires this action is California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50244.

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A	MEDI-CAL NOTICE OF ACTION PPROVAL FOR SPECIAL ZERO SHARE-OF-COST PROGRAM FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND BABIES UP TO ONE YEAR OLD	(COUNTY STAMP)		
		Notice date: Case number: Worker name: Worker number: Worker telephone number:		
		Office hours:Notice for:		
	Beginning, you are eligible to receive limited Medi-Cal services without a share-of-cost under a special program for pregnant women. Under this program, you can receive only pregnancy-related services which include prenatal care, services for complications of pregnancy, labor, delivery, postpartum care, and family planning.			
	You continue to be eligible for benefits with a share-of- Under this program you may also receive medical ser			
	Beginning, your baby is eligible to receive Medi-Cal benefits without a share-of-cost under a special program for babies up to one year old. Under this program, the baby's Medi-Cal coverage will provide:			
	full Medi-Cal benefits.			
	restricted Medi-Cal benefits (emergency and preg	gnancy only).		
	ddition to other program requirements, eligibility unde /or on your family's income.	r this program is based on your pregnancy		
You suc	must report within ten days any significant changes the has changes in your income, property, medical conditi	at could affect your or your child's eligibility, on, or household situation.		

The regulation which requires this action is California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50262.

NOTICE OF ACTION DENIAL OR DISCONTINUANCE OF BENEFITS UNDER THE INCOME DISREGARD PROGRAM FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND INFANTS	
	(COUNTY STAMP)
	Notice date:
	Case number:
	Worker name:
	Worker number:
	Worker telephone number:
ı	Office hours:
	Notice for:
The Income Disregard Program is a special program for pregnan family income at or below 200 percent of the federal pove pregnancy-related services and postpartum care to women and m A review of your case shows that: You are not eligible for this program because:	rty level. It provides zero share-of-cost
Your family's income is over the allowable limit.	
This does not affect your regular Medi-Cal eligibility.	
☐ Your eligibility for benefits under this program ends	because:
☐ You are no longer pregnant and your 60-day postpartum pe	eriod has ended.
Other:	
☐ This does not affect your regular Medi-Cal eligibility.	
☐ You will receive another notice if you are eligible for another pr	ogram.
Your child is not eligible for this program because:	
Your family's income is over the allowable limit.	
Your child's eligibility for benefits under this program ends	because:
Your child has reached age one.	
Other:	
You will receive another notice if your child is eligible for another	er program.
☐ Enclosed are forms that you need to complete and return to use for another program. Please return this information within ten	

If you have any questions about this action, please write or telephone. We will answer your questions or make an appointment to see you. You may reapply for Medi-Cal at any time. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR BENEFITS IDENTIFICATION CARD (BIC). You can use it again if you become eligible for Medi-Cal.

The regulations which require this action are California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 50260 and 50262.

MEDI-CAL NOTICE OF ACTION APPROVAL FOR THE 100 PERCENT PROGRAM

APPROVAL FOR THE 100 PERCENT PROGRAM				
		(COUNTY STAMP)		
_	·	Notice date:		
		Case number:		
		Worker name:		
		Worker telephone number:		
		Office hours:		
		Notice for:		
Beginning, you share-of-cost under the 100 Percent age 19.		le to receive Medi-Cal benefits wit n who are at least 6 years of age		
Under this program, Medi-Cal will provi	ide:			
Full Medi-Cal benefits.				
Restricted Medi-Cal benefits (pregn	ancy and emergency	y medical conditions only).		
Eligibility under this program is bas requirements.	ed on your family'	s income, in addition to other pr	ogram	
You must report within ten days any si as changes in your income, property, m	•		y, such	
Always present your Benefits Identifications are. This card is good as long as you placed BIC.	, ,	•		

The regulations which require this action are California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50262.6.

MEDI-CAL NOTICE OF ACTION APPROVAL FOR THE 133 PERCENT PROGRAM		
		(COUNTY STAMP)
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_	_	Notice date:
		Case number:
		Worker name:
		Worker number:
		Office hours:
		Notice for:
Beginning, your child(ren) is share-of-cost under the 133 percent program for chil program, the child's Medi-Cal benefits will provide:		
☐ Full Medi-Cal benefits.		
Restricted Medi-Cal benefits (services for treatmen	nt of eme	ergency medical conditions only).
Eligibility under this program is based on your fa requirements.	ımily's iı	ncome, in addition to other program
You must report within ten days any significant changes in your income, property, medical condition		

as changes in your income, property, medical condition, or household situation.

Always present your Benefits Identification Card (BIC) to your medical provider whenever you need care. This card is good as long as you are eligible for Medi-Cal. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR PLASTIC BIC.

The regulation which requires this action is California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50262.5.

MEDI-CAL NOTICE OF ACTION DENIAL OR DISCONTINUANCE OF BENEFITS UNDER THE 133 PERCENT PROGRAM

		DENIAL OR DISCONTINUANCE OF BENEFITS UNDER THE 133 PERCENT PROGRAM		
			(COUNTY STAMP)	
	Γ		Notice date: Case number: Worker name:	
	L	_	Worker number: Worker telephone number: Office hours: Notice for:	
age	up te	B Percent Program provides Medi-Cal benefits at no share- to age six whose family income is at or below 133 percent or lows that:		
	Your child(ren) does not qualify for this program because your family's income is over the allowable limit. You will receive a separate notice about regular Medi-Cal.			
	Your child(ren) does not qualify for this program because your family's income is over the allowable limit Enclosed are forms that you need to complete and return to us to determine if he/she is eligible for regular Medi-Cal with a share of cost. Please return this information within ten days. If we do not receive this your child's benefits will end			
	Elig	Eligibility for benefits under the 133 Percent Program ends because your child has reached age six.		
		A separate notice will be sent to you about regular Med worker know right away.	i-Cal. If your child is hospitalized, let your	
		Enclosed are forms that you need to complete for us to Medi-Cal with a share-of-cost. Please return this informathis, your child's benefits will end	ation within ten days. If we do not receive	
	Elig	gibility for benefits under the 133 Percent Program ends	because:	

The regulations which require this action are California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50262.5.

If you have any questions about this action, please write or telephone. We will answer your questions or make an appointment to see you. You may reapply for Medi-Cal at any time. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR CHILD'S BENEFITS IDENTIFICATION CARD (BIC). Your child can use it again under another regular Medi-Cal program even if your child has a share-of-cost.

PLEASE READ THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS NOTICE FOR APPEAL INFORMATION.