

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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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
All County Pickle Coordinators

Letter No.:02-07

LYNCH V. RANK (PICKLE) - TICKLER SYSTEM

Ref.: Pickle Handbook, Section 4, Pages 4-1 through 4-13

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to inform you that the Department of Health Services has mailed out Pickle Tickler Notices of Action (NOAs) the first week of January 2002 to individuals who: (1) currently receive Title II (RSDI), Social Security benefits; (2) have been discontinued from the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program since December 1998 (for any reason); and (3) were determined ineligible during the Pickle screening process. A copy of the NOA (Notice Type 52) is enclosed.

Counties should receive their individual Pickle Tickler computer report the third week in January 2002. A sample copy of the Tickler computer listing is enclosed. Additionally, pursuant to the Lynch v. Rank lawsuit, each potentially eligible Pickle individual must receive a Pickle Medi-Cal notice for three consecutive years. Therefore, the January 2002 Tickler report will now only list potential Pickle eligibles for the years of 1999, 2000, and 2001. Individuals listed during previous years will be dropped from the report. Henceforth, one year of ineligibles will be purged each year.

In addition, the lawsuit requires that each of the individuals on the Pickle Tickler listing who has an active Medi-Cal case or who brings the Tickler notice into the county welfare department to apply under the Pickle amendment shall have an eligibility determination completed in accordance with Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50189. The eligibility determination shall take place within 30 days of the month preceding or following the Title II, Social Security cost of living adjustment.

Please refer to Section 4, pages 4-1 through 4-13 of your Pickle Handbook for specific instructions on county responsibilities for completing Pickle determinations.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cecilia Kelley of my staff at (916) 657-0168.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Richard Brantingham
Acting Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosures

MEDI-CAL NOTICE

Lynch v. Rank Tickler Notice

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TO: Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Discontinued from SSI/SSP

RE: CONTINUED MEDI-CAL BENEFITS

We have been told that you received Supplemental Security Income and/or State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP) benefits some time after April 1977. We have also been told that your benefits have stopped. If we are wrong and you have never received SSI/SSP, or you are now getting SSI/SSP benefits, please ignore this notice.

The purpose of this notice is to let you know that under a federal law called the Pickle amendment, Medi-Cal eligibility continues without a share of cost for certain individuals whose SSI/SSP benefits were stopped.

What does this mean to you? Because you once received SSI/SSP and are still on our list, you may be evaluated for Medi-Cal under the Pickle legislation. If eligible, you will receive Medi-Cal with no share of cost.

How do you apply? Call your local county welfare office within 30 days if you want your Medi-Cal eligibility determined under the Pickle Amendment. They will send you an application and/or make an appointment for you. Be sure to save this notice.

What if you already get Medi-Cal but have to pay a share of cost? Call your worker at your local welfare office and ask that your case be evaluated for "Pickle" eligibility.

What if you already get Medi-Cal and have no share of cost? Just ignore this notice unless you start to receive a share of cost.

What if you are now getting SSI/SSP benefits? You should ignore this notice. Persons who receive SSI/SSP automatically receive Medi-Cal at no share of cost.

If you have any questions about your Medi-Cal benefits as a Pickle eligible, you should contact the county welfare department for the county in which you live. To help you, we have listed below the address and telephone number of the county welfare department in your area.

Note: If you have already been in contact with the county welfare department regarding your Pickle status, please follow their instructions and ignore this notice.

CONTACT:

SAMPLE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

.....COUNTY.....
ALAMEDA.PAGE.
1REPORT NO. REPORT DATE ,.....TITLE..... DISTRICT WORKER
MR-MED820-R001 12/24/99 PICKLE TICKLER REPORT

CASE-NAME COUNTY-ID MEDS-ID BIRTHDATE SEX ELIG-STATUS
DOE 01-66-9999999-5-34 999-99-9999 11-04-955 F 001

DOE JANE A PICKLE-TICKLER SSI-LAST-RECEIVED LAST-PICKLE-CHG
ANY PLACE AO 12-11-97
ANY STREET
ANY TOWN, CALIFORNIA ZIP 901 PHONE: NONE

CASE-NAME COUNTY-ID MEDS-ID BIRTHDATE SEX ELIG-STATUS
SMITH 01-66-9999999-9-36 999-99-9999 09-30-944 M 001

SMITH JOHN Z PICKLE-TICKLER SSI-LAST-RECEIVED LAST-PICKLE-CHG
744 P STREET PI 12-86 12-10-98
SACRAMENTO CA 95814 901 PHONE: NONE

CASE-NAME COUNTY-ID MEDS-ID BIRTHDATE SEX ELIG-STATUS
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NEUMAN ALFRED E PICKLE-TICKLER SSI-LAST-RECEIVED LAST-PICKLE-CHG
714 P STREET PI 12-87 12-11-98
SACRAMENTO CA 95814 901 PHONE: NONE

CASE-NAME COUNTY-ID MEDS-ID BIRTHDATE SEX ELIG-STATUS
BOND 01-66-9999999-69 999-99-9999 04-19-927 M 596

BOND JAMES ICKLE-TICKLER SSI-LAST-RECEIVED LAST-PICKLE-CHG
714 P STREET CI 12-11-98
SACRAMENTO CA 95814 901 PHONE: NONE