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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

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PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY (PE) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to let you know of changes to the PE program. Effective January 1, 2002, the 1-800-824-0088 telephone number will be used for both the PE and Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP). The number will allow providers and the public to seek information about both of these programs.

This number will allow providers to access information about ordering, faxing, or mailing PE forms. It will provide information about the PE program and the steps needed to become a Qualified Provider. In addition, the public may access this number to receive information about the PE program, Medi-Cal program, Access for Infant and Mothers Program and Comprehensive Perinatal Services.

In addition, the Food and Drug Administration approved the drug mifepristone (RU-486) in combination with mioprosterol as an effective and safe method of pregnancy termination in the first trimester. Therefore, effective August 1, 2001, surgical and medical abortions are now a benefit of the PE program.

If you have questions regarding this letter as it relates to PE, please contact Ms. Nancy Forrest of my staff at (916) 657-0619. For questions about BCCTP, please contact Ms. Linda Hayes at (916) 657-1464.

Sincerely,

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