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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 CalWORKS Program Managers

Letter No.: 02 - 45

SUBJECT: DISCONTINUED SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME/STATE
SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT BENEFICIARIES – CRAIG V. BONTÁ

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to inform the counties regarding changes in handling the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) population.

At a hearing held on June 24, 2002, the Superior Court found the Department of Health Services was in violation of the Welfare and Institution Code (WIC), Section 14005.37 by failing to provide the Senate Bill (SB) 87 redetermination process to persons whose SSI cash benefits were terminated by the Social Security Administration.

The Judge has ordered the Department to cease terminating the Medi-Cal benefits of those people in the affected population effective **June 30, 2002**. Under terms of the order, the Department will develop an implementation plan within 120 days, which will provide a process for ensuring that beneficiaries losing their SSI receive a redetermination of their eligibility before termination of benefits, pursuant to WIC Section 14005.37. The only exceptions to the court order are those beneficiaries discontinued by the Social Security Administration due to death or are incarcerated as an inmate in a correctional facility.



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SSI/SSP TERMINATIONS

Effective with the July 2002 SSI/SSP discontinuances, beneficiaries in the affected population will continue to receive full-scope, no share-of-cost Medi-Cal until the county performs an eligibility redetermination. Counties shall not terminate or make eligibility determinations or take any action on the monthly RAMOS listings for any in the affected population until instructions are issued in a separate letter. This process supercedes the former RAMOS process used for this population.

The Department, with the cooperation of county staff, will immediately begin working on a plan for implementing an eligibility redetermination process for beneficiaries losing their SSI/SSP benefits.

Additional funding to support continuing eligibility for this population pursuant to the court order in Craig V. Bontá will be requested upon enactment of the State budget.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please contact Ms. Debra Hader, Staff Services Analyst of Policy Unit B-1, at (916) 654-2279.

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