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Department of Health Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 04-13
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
LETTER 04-02 (FEBRUARY 13, 2004)

On April 15, 2004, the California Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District temporarily stayed enforcement of the earlier orders issued by the San Francisco County Superior Court in the matter of *Armando Doe*. The earlier orders required the Department of Health Services and the counties to make their best efforts to identify infants under one year of age who have been pre-enrolled in Medi-Cal via the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program Gateway and to attempt to determine which Gateway enrolled infants qualify as deemed eligible for Medi-Cal. **The temporary stay of the lower court's orders means that, until further notice, counties are not required to implement or comply with the interim compliance procedures outlined in All County Welfare Directors Letter 04-02 (February 13, 2004).** *Armando Doe's* attorneys have until April 26, 2004, to file an opposition to the temporary stay. The appellate court may then decide to either lift the stay or continue the stay while the Department appeals the superior court orders.

If you have further questions, please contact Naomi Ferster at (916) 552-9499.

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