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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 04-23
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVE
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PROCESSING THE "IHSS REGISTER OF DISCONTINUED
BENEFICIARIES-IHSS EXTENDED ELIGIBILITY" LISTING
(Ref: All County Welfare Directors Letters Nos.: 01-36, 01-39, 02-59,
03-24, 03-25, 03-29)

This All County Welfare Directors Letter is to inform county staff that they are to continue to work the "IHSS REGISTER OF DISCONTINUED BENEFICIARIES-IHSS EXTENDED ELIGIBILITY" (IHSS Register) listing.

This monthly IHSS Register includes a listing of individuals that have been discontinued from the IHSS Residual program, for reasons other than losing their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program eligibility. The individuals listed on the IHSS Register are subject to the Senate Bill (SB) 87 review by the counties and the IHSS Registers must continue to be processed.

The listed individuals were previously coded with the IHSS Residual aid codes of 18, 28, or 68. Before implementation of SB 87, which requires continued Medi-Cal coverage until the county processes an eligibility evaluation for coverage under another Medi-Cal program, these individuals received one month of continued Medi-Cal eligibility under the Ramos aid codes of 14, 24, or 64. Since implementation of SB 87 and the *Craig v Bontá* lawsuit, IHSS Residual individuals that are discontinued for reasons other than the loss of SSI eligibility are still converted to the 14, 24, 64 aid codes but they receive continuous Medi-Cal until they are redetermined for eligibility under another Medi-Cal program. In the future these individuals will be converted from the IHSS aid codes to specialized aid codes. Counties will be notified when these specialized aid codes are operational.

These cases are processed in the same manner as other discontinued Medi-Cal cases. The first step is to attempt an ex parte' redetermination using any information already available to the county. This would include information obtained from the IHSS workers. The IHSS workers have case files on these individuals. If the redetermination cannot be completed by an ex parte', contact the individual by telephone. If the individual cannot be contacted by telephone, attempt to contact him/her by mail. Only after the SB 87 steps are completed can these cases be discontinued.

Enclosed is a copy of the distribution list for the IHSS Register. If you have not received the IHSS Register, please contact the person in your county that is responsible for distributing the *Craig v Bonta* reports. If past registers are not available, contact Ms. Vicki Partington of my staff and she will provide you with past registers. If the county contact information listed is not correct, please provide the Department of Health Services with the correct information. Please call or e-mail Ms. Vicki Partington at (916) 552-9496 or Vparting@dhs.ca.gov with the contact person's name, telephone number, and mailing address.

If you have any questions regarding SB 87 processing, please contact Mr. Mack Guynn at (916) 552-9508. If you have questions regarding this letter, the IHSS Residual program or Personal Care Services, please contact Ms. Vicki Partington.

Original signed by

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Enclosure