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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.: 05-41

SUBJECT: *LYNCH V. RANK* ANNUAL STUFFER, 2005

As required by the Permanent Injunction in the *Lynch v. Rank* lawsuit, the enclosed stuffer will be sent to individuals in Aid Codes 14, 17, 24, 27, 64, and 67 in December of 2005. The enclosed version was changed in 1996 to clarify that the Pickle program is for the aged, blind, and disabled. In addition, the Spanish version was simplified for the general public; it utilizes more commonly used phrases.

In past years, some beneficiaries receiving this stuffer have alleged that they were unable to secure answers to their questions about the Pickle program from their county welfare department (CWD). So, it is critical that clear information be transmitted to those who may call, especially since a large number of people (169,000) will receive the stuffer this year.

Please ensure that all persons in your CWD who may have contact with beneficiaries receiving this stuffer are familiar with the procedures that you have established for determining Medi-Cal eligibility under *Lynch v. Rank* (Pickle) or other Title II disregard programs such as the Disabled Adult Child(ren)s Program.

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cecilia Kelley, Medi-Cal Policy Analyst in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch, at (916) 552-9485.

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Enclosure