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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 08-34
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT: STATE DATA EXCHANGE REPORT

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is in the process of securing the exchange of confidential information. The DHCS reviewed its business processes and has identified security risks in the handling of paper and microfiche reports. Among the reports requiring remediation is the State Data Exchange (SDX) Report, or Title XVI Eligibility report.

DHCS sends the SDX reports to County Welfare Departments (CWD) on a monthly basis to inform CWD of updates to beneficiary information that is used to determine Medi-Cal eligibility. DHCS is currently using three methods to send the SDX reports to the counties: electronic, paper, and microfiche. Since the SDX reports contain personally identifiable information, DHCS is seeking to eliminate the transmission of the SDX reports to the CWD in the paper and microfiche formats.

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The CWD currently receiving SDX reports via paper are:

Glenn	Imperial	Amador
Marin	Tehama	Yuba
Calaveras	Colusa	Merced
San Benito	Sierra	Monterey
Alpine	Inyo	Mariposa
Modoc	Mono	

The CWD currently receiving SDX reports via microfiche are:

Butte	Fresno	Humboldt
Kings	Sacramento	San Francisco
San Joaquin	San Luis Obispo	Santa Barbara
Santa Clara	Santa Cruz	Shasta
Sonoma	Stanislaus	Tulare
Ventura	Placer	

The August 2008 version of the SDX report will only be available through Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP). All paper and microfiche versions of the SDX report sent from DHCS will be discontinued. If your county is listed above, please assign one Information Technology (IT) representative from your county for DHCS to contact to set up SFTP. Please send this representative's contact information to the DHCS by August 22, 2008.

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The Department looks forward to collaborating with the counties to remediate the security risks associated with transferring non-electronic reports to the counties.

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