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To: All County Welfare Directors

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DEPRIVATION AS A SOURCE OF MEDI-CAL QUALITY CONTROL ERRORS

Data from the three most recent Medi-Cal quality control review periods show deprivation to be a major source of quality control dollar errors. While such errors have been detected in all deprivation categories, most of the errors have occurred in the AFDC-U Medically Needy cases.

Accordingly, we request that you initiate two specific corrective actions immediately. First, we request that you redouble your efforts in eligibility worker training in the proper application of deprivation as a linkage to the AFDC program. Second, we request that you adopt internal procedures which place special emphasis on a supervisorial review of deprivation cases.

We appreciate your efforts to reduce this error trend. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact your Medi-Cal program consultant.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Madalyn M. Martinez, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants