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To: All County Welfare Directors

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COUNTY CERTIFICATION AND MEDI-CAL ISSUANCE FOR ELIGIBLES WITH A SHARE OF COST

Regulation 50685 (d) (1) through (4) of the Regulation Section of the Manual and Article 12B (1) through (5) of the Procedure Section of the Manual instructs counties what steps must be taken when issuing immediate need card(s) for eligible Medi-Cal recipients with a share of cost.

Benefits Review Unit (BRU) has two functions involving the MC 177S. The primary function is to certify that clients have met the share of cost for card issuance. The other, equally as important, is to process claims by comparing the claim to the MC 177S and noting on the claim the amount used to meet the share of cost. ~~This amount is then deducted from the claim so that the provider is not paid twice for the same service.~~

Counties when issuing immediate need cards are neglecting to send the MC 177S to BRU. When the claim is received by BRU from CSC/CDS, BRU cannot deduct the share of cost from the claim without the MC 177S. Without the share of cost deducted CSC/CDS will pay the total claim. It is important that BRU receive the MC 177S so that these program dollars are not lost.

The counties issuing immediate need cards should also indicate the certification date on the immediate need card so that only those claims after that date are sent to BRU by CSC/CDS.

If you have any questions please contact your Medi-Cal program consultant.

Sincerely,

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
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