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To: All County Welfare Directors
County Administrative Officers

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- CWDA/DHS MEDI-CAL CORRECTIVE ACTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Attached are the minutes from the CWDA/DHS Medi-Cal Corrective Action Subcommittee meeting which was held on Tuesday, November 13, 1984.

If you or your staff have any questions or wish to provide input, please contact one of the committee members identified in the minutes.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Attachment

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Minutes from the November 13, 1984 meeting of the CWDA/DHS Medi-Cal Corrective Action Subcommittee:

1. Members Present:

Bill Macfadden - Los Angeles County

Ann Lashbrook - Merced County

John La Roche - Orange County

Lin Semenchuk - Sacramento County

Kathy Trexery - San Bernardino County

Marlene Ratner - Department of Health Services (DHS)

2. The subcommittee accepted the resignation of Joyce Setters, Yuba County and agreed to seek a replacement, preferably from a small county. Volunteers will be solicited during the November 14, 1984 meeting of the CWDA Medical Care Committee. As part of this discussion, the subcommittee addressed whether there would be an ongoing need for monthly subcommittee meetings. It was agreed that once the subcommittee has developed the first group of corrective action initiatives to be presented to counties, it may be unnecessary to hold further meetings until the initiatives are implemented and their evaluations sent to the subcommittee.
3. The issue of DHS' Audits and Investigations Division (A&ID) having a representative on this subcommittee was raised. After pros and cons were discussed, the subcommittee agreed that it had no objections to A&ID's inclusion. This issue will be presented to the CWDA Medical Care Committee on November 14, 1984 for decision.
4. John La Roche reported that the Systems Unit of DHS' Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch contacted him in response to the subcommittee's request for MEDS alerts for children turning age 21.
 - a. For medically indigent (MI) children, a MEDS alert will continue to be produced in the month the child turns 21 but an alert will also be produced in the preceding month. A hold will continue to be placed on the child's Medi-Cal card in the month the child turns 21. No implementation date was given.
 - b. For AFDC-MN persons (aid codes 34 and 37) who are turning 21, alerts can also be produced. However, MEDS cannot distinguish between parents turning 21 and children turning 21. The subcommittee discussed the pros and cons of having MEDS put a hold on the Medi-Cal card for the individual turning 21. The subcommittee

will recommend to the Medical Care Committee that MEDS not put a hold on the Medi-Cal card since otherwise there could be instances in which an eligible person's card would be held (e.g., the person turning 21 is an eligible parent).

5. A draft of the checklist DHS is developing to encourage timely reporting by public guardians/conservators or authorized representatives was reviewed. Comments were provided to DHS.
6. Forty-eight counties completed the survey questionnaire which requested that counties identify areas to be targeted for corrective action initiatives. Results were tabulated and the results will be attached to next month's minutes.