

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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April 10, 1987

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter: 87-16

SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY DISABILITY PROGRAM STUFFER

Under the mandate of AB 3835 (Chapter 612, Statutes of 1984) a study was performed to examine the problems encountered by persons with disabilities in gaining access to quality medical care under the Medi-Cal program. The study was conducted by an independent consultant with the assistance of a committee of interested parties. The study report was released in September 1986.

One of the problems identified by the study research was: "Many disabled persons do not have information on how to access the Medi-Cal program and may be laboring under some misconceptions about the program and other programs intended to serve the disabled." One of the ways identified to correct this problem was to inform disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries that under the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code section 14005.3 [Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual section 50223(a)(2)] disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries may retain Medi-Cal eligibility even after they obtain employment, if their income does not exceed the maximum income limit. This program is known as the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) Disability Program. In order to implement this recommendation, the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch developed a stuffer to inform Medi-Cal beneficiaries about the SGA Disability Program and to tell them how to apply for an SGA evaluation to determine if they are eligible for the program.

SSI-disabled beneficiaries are to contact the local Social Security Administration office to apply for the SGA Disabled Program.

IHSS beneficiaries are to contact their county welfare department social worker to apply for the SGA Disability Program.

Attached is a copy of the stuffer which will be released with the Medi-Cal Cards. The first mailing of the stuffer will occur in April 1987 (May 1987 month of eligibility) and is scheduled to be mailed with the Medi-Cal cards on a quarterly basis for a one year period.

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If you have any questions regarding the SGA Disability Program,
please contact Sandy Poindexter at (916) 324-4966.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Attachment

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: July 31, 1988

Did you receive SSI or IHSS benefits in the recent past and then discontinued because you want to work even though your physical or mental condition has not changed?

A federal program exists which provides ongoing Medi-Cal benefits to some SSI or IHSS recipients who go to work even though there has been no change in their physical or mental conditions. This program is called the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) Disability Program. If you receive SSI or IHSS benefits and go to work, you are entitled to an SGA evaluation to determine if you may be eligible for the SGA Disability Program (work programs under Section 1619 A and B of the Social Security Act).

If you are receiving SSI benefits and you become employed, contact your local Social Security Administration office to apply for the SGA Disability Program.

If you are receiving IHSS benefits, contact your county welfare department social worker to apply for the SGA Disability Program.

NOTICACION: RECIPIENTES/SOLICITANTES DE SSI E IHSS

Si Ud. recibió los beneficios SSI o IHSS y le fueron descontinuados porque Ud. empezó a trabajar cuando su condición física o mental no había cambiado?

Existe un programa de ayuda federal el cual provee la continuación de los beneficios de Medi-Cal a algunos recipientes de SSI o IHSS que empiezan a trabajar cuando no ha habido cambio en su condición física o mental. Este programa se llama Programa de Incapacidad de Actividad Remunerada Substantialmente (Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) Disability Program). Si Ud. recibe los beneficios SSI o IHSS y empieza a trabajar, Ud. tiene derecho a una evaluación de SGA para determinar si Ud. puede ser elegible para el Programa de Incapacidad SGA (programas de empleo bajo la Sección 1619 del Acta del Seguro Social).

Si Ud. está recibiendo los beneficios SSI y empieza a trabajar, Ud. debe ponerse en contacto con la oficina de la Administración del Seguro Social para solicitar al Programa de Incapacidad

Si Ud. está recibiendo los beneficios IHSS y empieza a trabajar, Ud. debe ponerse en contacto con su trabajador social del Departamento de Bienestar del Condado para solicitar al Programa de Incapacidad SGA.