

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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April 14, 1987

TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers

Letter: 87- 19

## USE OF OVERSUPPLY OF MEDI-CAL ID CARD STOCK (MC 300)

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS' LETTER 86-1 --  
IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDI-CAL CARD SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT

This is to notify you that the Department of Health Services will use the old MC 300 Medi-Cal ID card stock (Revision Date 4-83) for all centrally issued cards beginning June 1987 through August 1987. This does not apply to Restricted (red) MC 300 Medi-Cal ID cards.

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill (SB) 494, which became effective January 1986, required Medi-Cal beneficiaries to sign and date their Medi-Cal ID card and required that Medi-Cal beneficiaries be informed that "It is a crime for you to sell or lend your Medi-Cal card or labels to any person or furnish or give your Medi-Cal card to any person other than your provider of services as required under Medi-Cal regulations". In order to implement SB 494 for January, February, and March 1986 MOE, printing on old Medi-Cal ID card stock was modified to include a signature/date line on the front. Effective April 1986 MOE and ongoing, new (revision date 2-86) Medi-Cal ID card stock was used. This card stock has a signature/date line and the statement "It is a crime...regulations" on the back.

Currently, DHS has a supply of unrevised MC 300 Medi-Cal ID cards in its warehouse. For economic reasons, DHS will use the old card stock with the signature/date line computer printed on the front of the card beginning with SSI/SSP Medi-Cal card production in May 1987 (June MOE) through main card production in July (August 1987 MOE).

The enclosed beneficiary stuffer (Attachment A) will be sent out with the Medi-Cal cards. The Notice is self-explanatory.

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A provider bulletin covering this same information will be issued by the Department. (See Attachment B, Draft Provider Bulletin.)

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch MEDS Liaison.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosures

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons  
Medi-Cal Program Consultants  
MEDS Liaisons

Expiration Date: August 30, 1987

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Attachment A

Please note that the signature and date line on your Medi-Cal card is on the front side this month. Until our supply of these cards is exhausted, you should sign and date the card on the front.

You should sign this card using your normal signature. Only the person whose name appears on this card may sign and date it.

It is a crime for you to sell or lend your Medi-Cal card or labels to any person other than your provider of services as required under Medi-Cal regulations.

## COMUNICACION IMPORTANTE

Por favor dese cuenta que la línea para la firma y fecha en su tarjeta de Medi-Cal por este mes está al frente de la misma. Hasta que nuestra existencia de estas tarjetas se termine, Ud. debe firmar y poner la fecha al frente de la tarjeta.

Usted debe firmar esta tarjeta usando su firma acostumbrada. Sólo la persona cuyo nombre aparece en esta tarjeta puede firmarla y poner la fecha.

Es un crimen que Ud. venda o dé su tarjeta o etiquetas de Medi-Cal a cualquier persona que no sea su proveedor de los servicios tal como se requiere bajo las regulaciones de Medi-Cal.

DRAFT LANGUAGE - PROVIDER BULLETIN

Due to the provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 494, the Department of Health Services, in April 1986, began using revised Medi-Cal Identification (ID) Card stock for its centrally issued Medi-Cal ID cards (MC 300). This new card stock contains a signature/date line and various instructions on the back of the card.

SB 494 was implemented in January 1986. Due to the rapid implementation of this bill and subsequent issuance of new Medi-Cal cards (April 1986), a large inventory of old MC 300 Medi-Cal ID card stock remains. For economic reasons DHS will begin using old MC 300 card stock for Medi-Cal cards generated (regardless of month of eligibility) beginning May 15, 1987 through main Medi-Cal card production for August Month of Eligibility (July 25, 1987). These MC 300 Medi-Cal ID cards will be modified to include a signature/date line on the front of the card. MC 300 (red) Restricted Service Medi-Cal cards are not affected by this change.

A stuffer informing beneficiaries that they must sign the front of the card and that "It is a crime for you to sell or lend your Medi-Cal card or labels to any person or furnish or give your Medi-Cal card or labels to any person other than your provider of services as required under Medi-Cal regulations" will be included with issuance of the old Medi-Cal card stock.