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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF DISABILITY THROUGH THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

Recent quality control and corrective action reviews have determined that some county workers are accepting receipt of Title II benefits as proof of disability without determining the basis for the Title II grant. This practice is not acceptable as Title II benefits may be granted for reasons other than disability.

Title 22, CAC, Section 50167 specifically states that disability status awarded by SSA must be verified by viewing written correspondence or statements from SSA which state the basis for benefits is disability (such as an award letter, correspondence from SSA or other written statement). Receipt of Title II benefits, even when accompanied by Medicare, does not in and of itself constitute verification of disability. Therefore, in the absence of adequate documentation the Corrective Action Section of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch will continue to cite errors.

In addition, it has been determined that Title II cases are being referred to the Disability Evaluation Division (DED) for reexamination on the Title II reexamination date.

DED State Programs (SP) has no jurisdiction over Title II reexaminations. Submission of a Title II reexamination to DED SP requires the beneficiary to complete an unnecessary disability packet and creates an additional workload for the eligibility worker.

All Title II disability cases are to be reverified by the county through SSA 60 to 90 days after the reexamination date in accordance with procedures section 4F. In no case should a Title II reexamination be submitted to DED by the county and all such referrals will be rejected.

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If you have any questions, please contact Toni Bailey at (916)
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Sincerely,

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