

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter# 87-58

SUBJECT: Changing SSI/SSP Beneficiary OHC Codes

The Department's Medi-Cal Relations and Health Insurance Units have received telephone calls from Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) Medi-Cal recipients stating that counties could not correct Other Health Coverage (OHC) indicators on SSI/SSP Medi-Cal recipients' records.

This is to remind counties that they can change SSI/SSP Medi-Cal recipients' records by using the EW55 transaction MEDS screens. The EW55 transaction changes and specifications are set forth in MEDS change cycles 44 and 45, dated January 17, 1986.

Procedures are set forth in MEDS User Manual, Section 6.3.12. The EW55 transaction is used when an SSI/SSP Medi-Cal recipient is eligible on MEDS but sex, birthdate, OHC indicator and/or address is incorrect. It allows counties to correct the SSI/SSP Medi-Cal record for immediate need identification card issuance and/or for future MEDS identification card issuance. It is important to note that the counties cannot correct a recipient MEDS history file (through the EW55 or any other transaction) if the SSI/SSP recipient is not currently eligible. The Department is seeking a way to allow this type of change, but counties must currently hand type a card in this situation.

Counties are reminded that even though they are able to remove the OHC code, for non-prepaid health plan coverage (any code except K, C, R or P), they must still send an MC5 form to the Department to prevent future billings to insurance companies. The MC5 should be sent to:

Health Insurance Unit
Recovery Branch
Department of Health Services
P.O. Box 1287
Sacramento, CA 95819

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jack Byrd of the Health Insurance Unit at (916) 739-3262.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants