DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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December 24, 1987

Letter: 87 - 77

TO: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: GIBBINS V. RANK

REFERENCE: All County Welfare Director

Letter 84-40

The purpose of this letter is to remind counties that the court order in <u>Gibbins</u> v. <u>Rank</u> is still in effect at this time. That court order requires that any amounts paid for court-ordered child support and alimony by an aged, blind or disabled medically needy (ABD-MN) beneficiary be allowed as an income deduction when computing the share of cost for Medi-Cal cases.

Because this case is still under appeal, no regulatory change has been made. At such time as a final decision is rendered, counties will be notified and any necessary regulation changes will be made.

If you have any questions, please contact Toni Bailey at (916) 324-4967 or ATSS 8-454-4967.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons

Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: June 30, 1987