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Ocotber 12, 1988

ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Letter No.: 88-79

SUBJECT: COST AVOIDANCE DATA MATCH WITH KAISER-NORTH AND KAISER-SOUTH

PREPAID HEALTH PLANS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTOR'S LETTERS 87-44, 88-17 AND 88-53

This is to inform counties that the State will be conducting data matches with both Kaiser North and Kaiser South prepaid health plans for the purpose of identifying Medi-Cal eligibles who are covered under the Kaiser health plan policies.

The Department will automatically place a cost avoidance code "K" on the MEDS record of those individuals identified as Kaiser enrollees though the data match. We expect the Kaiser North match to be completed in time to code October Medi-Cal cards and the Kaiser South match to be completed in time to code the November cards.

Counties will receive the OHC Indicator Change Report approximately two weeks after the tape matches occur. This will be approximately the first week of October for Kaiser North and November for Kaiser South. Counties were previously given instructions on how to remove or change cost avoidance other coverage codes from MEDS in ACWDL-87-44. These instructions still apply and should be reviewed by counties if there is a need to remove any "protected" cost avoidance code. If beneficiaries contact the counties requesting a correction to the OHC cost avoidance code because they are not covered by Kaiser or because they live outside of Kaiser's service area, counties should accept the beneficiaries' statements as justification for correcting or removing the Kaiser code (K).

If you have any questions regarding MEDS input, contact your MEDs liaison. Any other questions should be directed to the Health Insurance Unit, Paula Marty, at (916) 739-3276.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Sandra Duveneck, for Frank S. Martucci, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch All County Welfare Directors All County Administrative Offices Page 2

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons

Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: Ocother 12, 1989

Memorandum.

Frank S. Martucci, Chief To

Medi Cal Eligibility Branch OB8/1692

SEP 23 1988 Date :

ACWDL Subject:

Recovery Branch From :

1250 Sutterville Road, Room 201

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Please expedite the attached ACWDL via EMC2 to the counties. provides information to the counties on the pending data matches with Kaiser North and Kaiser South.

If you have any questions, please call Paula Marty at 739-3276.

Original signed by

Gerald B. Rohlfes, Chief Recovery Branch

Attachment

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