

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers

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SUBJECT: ESTATE RECOVERY PROGRAM - HARDSHIP WAIVERS

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the provisions of SB 177 (Chapter 1201, Statute of 1989). This law requires the Department to waive Medi-Cal creditor's claims when enforcement would result in substantial hardship to heirs.

The Department has developed emergency regulations outlining the criteria for hardship waivers, as also required by SB 177, and has devised waiver applications and internal procedures for conducting written hearings. The regulations were filed on April 6, 1990; therefore, all creditor's claims issued by the Department after this date will include a statement about hardship waivers and how heirs can apply.

If you have any questions or receive any public inquiries, please direct them to Sue Rohrke, Department of Health Services, General Collection Section at (916) 322-0647.

Sincerely,

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Frank S. Martucci, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons  
Medi-Cal Program Consultants