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TO: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

November 21, 1991

Letter No.: 91-108

SUBJECT:

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL MANDATE TO EXPAND

OUTSTATIONED ELIGIBILITY WORKER (EW) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER 91-25

As we informed you in All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 91-25, the recent federal mandate of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA 90), requires California to expand its current outstationing efforts to include sites such as disproportionate share hospitals and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs). In addition to pregnant women, OBRA 90 mandates that applications be accepted at outstation locations for infants and children born after September 30, 1983.

The Department is currently in the process of gathering information to provide to the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) regarding the extent to which California is already complying with the mandates of OBRA 90 through perinatal outstationing funded through the Governor's budget and additional efforts which have been initiated independently by counties. We believe we will be able to provide information to HCFA to show California is to a large extent in compliance with OBRA 90 outstationing mandates. By providing documentation of this to HCFA, we also believe we will be able to achieve a smoother implementation of OBRA 90 mandates through a gradual phasing in of sites.

Providing we are able to obtain the necessary documentation to support our contention we are in substantial compliance with OBRA 90 outstationing mandates, we plan to implement outstationing at disproportionate share hospitals beginning April 1, 1992, with expansion to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Indian Health Centers beginning July 1, 1992.

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We request your cooperation in completing the enclosed questionnaire which will give the Department information regarding the extent to which counties have already outstationed eligibility workers at acute hospitals. Please provide the name and location of all acute hospitals in your county where Medi-Cal applications are currently processed. We also request information regarding the types of applications processed. A sample format for reporting this information is enclosed. Please return the enclosed questionnaire by November 22, 1991.

On July 10, 1991, the Department issued a listing of all federally mandated OBRA 90 outstationing sites based on preliminary data we obtained. After further research and county input, we have revised the listing of disproportionate share hospitals. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the revised listing. The current listing is based on interim data for fiscal year July 1991 through June 1992, which is the most current information available. We anticipate further changes in the list prior to OBRA 90 implementation. As soon as we receive updated information, we will provide it to the counties. The enclosed list is for information purposes only and no county action is required at this time.

The next step to be undertaken by the Department in the development of OBRA 90 outstationing will be to write to the hospitals on the enclosed list and request them to complete a survey about the population they serve and the potential number of Medi-Cal applicants in the targeted groups at their facility.

We recognize that some of the hospitals on the enclosed list are geriatric or psychiatric facilities which do not routinely provide services to the targeted population of pregnant women and children born after September 30, 1983. However, in order to assure that the listing is accurate and no disproportionate share hospitals have been omitted, we will send the survey to all hospitals on the list. Those who do not provide services to the targeted groups will be required to answer only questions related to the population they serve. If targeted groups are not served, the facilities will be deleted from future lists. A copy of the letter sent to the hospitals and the survey form will be provided for informational purposes to the counties.

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After we have gathered information from the counties and acute hospitals to provide to HCFA concerning California's implementation of OBRA 90 outstationing mandates, we will provide more definitive information to the counties concerning the disproportionate share hospitals where outstationing will be mandated. We will provide the survey information received from individual hospitals to the counties. It will then be the responsibility of the county to contact the facilities and develop a proposal for initial processing of applications at the facility. Counties will then develop petitions covering outstationing at OBRA 90 mandated sites.

The Department is also working on refinement of the list of FQHCs and Indian Health Centers. As soon as it is available, the revised listing will be sent to counties. Additionally, we are working on a uniform petition for counties to use in requesting expansion of outstationing activities under OBRA 90.

Finally, as you are aware, the Department has recently made numerous changes in staff assignments due to staff reductions. As a result, please note the implementation of OBRA 90 will be handled by Martha Bracha of my staff. If you have any questions regarding the status of OBRA 90 or the information in this letter, please contact Ms. Bracha at (916) 657-2767 (ATSS: 8-437-2767).

Sincerely,

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Frank S. Martucci, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

OUTSTATIONING ELIGIBILITY WORKER PROGRAM - OBRA '90

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Applications Accepted For:

Name & Address of Acute Hospital(s) where EWs are Currently Stationed.

Pregnant Women
Inpatient/Outpatient

Children Thru
Age:
Inpatient/Outpatient

All Applicants
Inpatient/Outpatient

Name of Person
Providing Information:

Telephone No.: (916) 657-2767 FAX No.: (916)657-2540

Providing Information: (___)

Phone Number of Person

Return to: Martha Bracha
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch
714 P Street, Room 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814

DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITALS FISCAL YEAR JULY 1991 THROUGH JUNE 1992

ALAMEDA

Fairmont Hospital - Alameda County * 15400 Foothill Blvd. San Leandro

Highland Hospital - Alameda County 1411 East 31st Street Oakland

Childrens Hospital - Medical Center of No. California 51st and Grove Street Oakland

CONTRA COSTA

East Bay Hospital 820 - 23rd Street Richmond

Merrithew Memorial Hospital 2500 Alhambra Blvd. Martinez

FRESNO

Sanger Hospital 2558 Jensen Avenue Sanger

Sierra Kings District Hospital 372 West Cypress Avenue Reedley

Valley Childrens Hospital 3151 North Millbrook Fresno

Valley Medical Center 445 South Cedar Avenue Fresno

Kingsburg Medical Center 1200 Smith Street Kingsburg

IMPERIAL

Calexico Hospital 450 Birch Street Calexico

KERN

Kern Medical Center 1830 Flower Street Bakersfield

LOS ANGELES

California Hospital Medical Center 1414 South Hope Street Los Angeles

Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles 4650 Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles

City of Hope National Medical Center 1500 East Duarte Road Duarte

Garfield Medical Center 150 Hampton Avenue Montery Park

Glendora Community Hospital 150 West Alosta Avenue Glendora

Greater El Monte Community Hospital 1701 Santa Anita Avenue South El Monte

Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center 1300 North Vermont Street Los Angeles

Kedren Community Mental Health 4211 S. Avalon Los Angeles All County Welfare Directors Page 3

L.A. County Harbor - UCLA Medical Center 1000 West Carson Street Torrance

L.A. County High Desert Hospital 313 North Figueroa Street - 9th Floor Los Angeles

L.A. County Olive View Medical Center 313 North Figueroa Street - 9th Floor Los Angeles

L.A. County Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center 7601 East Imperial Highway Downey

L.A. County USC Medical Center 1200 North State Street Los Angeles

L.A. County Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center 12021 Wilmington
Los Angeles

Mission Hospital of Huntington Park 3111 East Florence Avenue Huntington Park

Motion Picture and TV Hospital 23450 Calabasas Road Woodland Hills

Pacific Alliance Medical Center 531 W. College St. Los Angeles

San Fernando Community Hospital 700 Chatsworth Drive San Fernando

San Vicente Hospital 6000 San Vicente Blvd. Los Angeles

St. Francis Medical Center 3630 East Imperial Highway Lynwood

Valley Hospital 14500 Sherman Circle Van Nuys All County Welfare Directors Page 4

West Covina Hospital 725 South Orange Avenue West Covina

White Memorial Medical Center 1720 Brooklyn Avenue Los Angeles

MENDOCINO

Mendocino Cummunity Hospital 860 North Bush Street Ukiah

MERCED

Dos Palos Memorial Hospital 2118 Marguerite Dos Palos

Merced Community Medical Center 301 East 13th Street Merced

MODOC

Surprise Valley Community Hospital Main and Washington Streets Cedarville

MONTEREY

George L. Mee Memorial Hospital 300 Canal Street King City

Natividad Medical Center 1330 Natividad Road Salinas

ORANGE

Childrens Hospital of Orange County 1109 West La Veta Orange All County Welfare Directors Page 5

Santa Ana Hospital Medical Center 1901 N. Fairview Street Santa Ana

U.C. Irvine Medical Center 101 City Drive South Orange

PLUMAS

Indian Valley Hospital 174 Hot Springs Road Greenville

RIVERSIDE

John F. Kennedy Hospital 47-111 Monroe Street Indio

Riverside General Hospital University Medical Center 9851 Magnolia Avenue Riverside

SACRAMENTO

U.C. Davis Medical Center 2315 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento

SAN BERNARDINO

Doctors Hospital of Montclair 5000 San Bernardino Street Montclair

San Bernardino County Medical Center 780 East Gilbert Street San Bernardino

SAN DIEGO

Childrens Hospital 8001 Frost Street San Diego

Paradise Valley Hospital 2400 East Fourth Street National City

San Diego General Hospital 446 - 26th Street San Diego

San Diego County - Loma Portal 3485 Kenyon Street San Diego

San Diego County Psychiatric 3851 Rosecrans St. San Diego

University Hospital - UCMC San Diego 225 Dickenson Street San Diego

Villa View Community Hospital 5550 University Avenue San Diego

SAN FRANCISCO

Hebrew Home for the Aged 302 Silver Avenue San Francisco

Laguna Honda Hospital 375 Laguna Honda Blvd. San Francisco

Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute 401 Parnassus Avenue San Francisco

San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center 1001 Potrero Avenue San Francisco All County Welfare Directors Page 7

SAN JOAQUIN

San Joaquin General Hospital 500 West Hospital Road French Camp

SAN LUIS OBISPO

San Luis Obispo County General Hospital 2180 Johnson Street San Luis Obispo

SAN MATEO

Crystal Springs Rehabilitation Center 35 Tower Road Belmont

St. Catherine's Hospital on Half Moon Bay Marine Blvd. and Etheldore Moss Beach

SANTA BARBARA

Marian Medical Center 1400 E. Church Street Santa Maria

SANTA CLARA

Alexian Brother Hospital 225 North Jackson Avenue San Jose

Childrens Hospital at Stanford (Lucille Salter Packard Childrens) 520 Willow Road Palo Alto

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center 751 South Bascom San Jose All County Welfare Directors Page 8

SHASTA

Mayer Memorial Hospital Highway 299E Fall River Mills

Shasta Co. Psychiatric Health 2640 Breslauer Way Redding

SIERRA COUNTY

Sierra Valley District Hospital 309 W. Third St. Loyalton

SOLANO

First Hospital Vallejo 525 Oregon Street Vallejo

SONOMA

Community Hospital of Sonoma County 3325 Chanate Road Santa Rosa

STANISLAUS

Stanislaus Medical Center 830 Scenic Drive Modesto

TRINITY

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TULARE

Lindsay Hospital Medical Center City Park Lindsay

Tulare District Hospital 869 Cherry Avenue Tulare

VENTURA

Ventura County Medical Center 329 Loma Vista Road Ventura