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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

January 7, 1992

**Letter No.:** 91-124

TO: All County Welfare Directors All County Administrative Officers All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons All Pickle Coordinators

SUBJECT: LYNCH V. RANK (PICKLE) - TICKLER SYSTEM

REFERENCE: PICKLE HANDBOOK, SECTION 4, PAGES 4-1 THROUGH 4-13

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to inform you that the Department of Health Services will mail out Pickle Tickler Notices of Action (NOAs) the first week of January 1992 to individuals who: 1) currently receive Title II (RSDI), Social Security benefits; 2) have been discontinued from the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program since April 1977 (for any reason); and 3) were determined Pickle ineligible during a previous screening process. A copy of the NOA is enclosed.

Counties should receive their individual Pickle Tickler computer report the first week in January 1992. A sample copy of the Tickler computer listing is enclosed. Additionally, pursuant to the <u>Lynch</u> v. <u>Rank</u> lawsuit, each potentially eligible Pickle individual must receive a Pickle Medi-Cal notice for three consecutive years. Therefore, the January 1992 Tickler report will now only list potential Pickle eligibles for the years of 1989, 1990 and 1991. Individuals listed during previous years will be dropped from the report. Henceforth, one year of ineligibles will be purged each year.

In addition, the lawsuit requires that each of the individuals on the Pickle Tickler listing who has an active Medi-Cal case or who brings the Tickler notice into the County Welfare Department to apply under the Pickle amendment shall have an eligibility determination completed in accordance with Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50189. The eligibility determination shall take place within 30 days of the month preceding or following the Title II, Social Security cost of living adjustment.

Please refer to Section 4, pages 4-1 through 4-13 of your Pickle Handbook for specific instructions on county responsibilities for completing Pickle determinations.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Finberg at (916) 657-0080/CALNET 437-0080.

Sincerely, ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Ricardo Bustamante for

Frank S. Martucci, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch ate of California - Health and Welfare Agency partment of Health Services dical Assistance NOTICE TYPE 52 NOTICE PREPARATION DATE: OCTOBER 2, 1991

Lvnch v. Rank Tickler Notice

MEDI-CAL NOTICE OF ACTION

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1224 ANY AVENUE ANYTOWN, CA 99999

): Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Discontinued From SSI/SSP

E: CONTINUED MEDI-CAL BENEFITS

e have been told that you received Supplemental Security Income and/or State Supplemental rogram (SSI/SSP) benefits some time after April 1977. We have also been told that your enefits have stopped. If we are wrong and you have never received SSI/SSP, or you are ow cetting SSI/SSP benefits, please icnore this notice.

he purpose of this notice is to let you know that under a federal law called the Pickle m dment, Medi-Cal eligibility continues without a share of cost for certain individuals h. a SSI/SSP benefits were stopped.

<u>hat does this mean to you?</u> Because you once received SSI/SSP and are still on our list, ou may be evaluated for Nedi-Cal under the Pickle legislation. If eligible, you will eceive Medi-Cal with no share of cost.

ow do you apply? Take this notice with you to your local county welfare office within 0 days if you want your Medi-Cal eligibility determined under the Pickle Amendment. how this notice to your worker.

that if you already set Medi-Cal but have to pay a share of cost? Call your worker at Your local welfare office and ask that your case be evaluated for "Pickle" eligibility.

that if you are now cetting SSI/SSP benefits? You should ignore this notice. Persons the receive SSI/SSP automatically receive Medi-Cal at no share of cost.

If you have any questions about your Medi-Cal benefits as a Pickle eligible, you should contact the county welfare department for the county in which you live. To help you, we have listed below the address and telephone number of the county welfare department in your area.

lote: If you have already been in contact with the county welfare department regarding your Pickle status, please follow their instructions and ignore this notice.

CONTACT: -- (Appropriate county welfare office address and telephone number)

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