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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 91-14

SUBJECT: HUNT V. KIZER SHARE OF COST STUDY-ACTION REQUIRED

This All County Welfare Directors Letter is a follow-up to the E-Mail (DHS#91008) dated January 16, 1991 and the E-Mail (DHS#91014) dated January 29, 1991.

As a result of an order in the Hunt v. Kizer lawsuit, the Department of Health Services (DHS) must monitor any delay which may exist in the issuance of Medi-Cal cards after the use of the new MC177 form commences 1/1/91.

To comply with the order, DHS will conduct a preliminary study of MC177s submitted to DHS for a 5 day period in mid-February 1991. Beginning 1/21/91 through 2/15/91, we request that counties date stamp (or hand write) dates on either the back of the MC177 (F.I. copy only) or the front of the MC177. The dates are: 1) the date the MC177 is issued to the beneficiary, 2) the date the beneficiary returns the form to the county office, and IF POSSIBLE, 3) the immediate need card issuance date. NOTE: Automated counties, who centrally issue the automated version of the MC177 may call our office, or send an EMC2 message, telling us the date of issuance.

These dates, as well as the date the MC177 is received in DHS Key Data Entry Unit, the certification date, and the date the Medi-Cal card is issued will tell DHS whether delays are occurring in the process and if so, where.

This study, scheduled to begin in mid-February 1991, is a preliminary step in a comprehensive study of the entire SOC process which will be conducted in 1991. Results of this preliminary study, along with additional information concerning the comprehensive SOC study will be sent to counties in an All County Welfare Director's Letter (ACWDL).

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If you have any questions regarding this study, please call or send EMC2 messages to Michele White at 916-445-2043 (HDMWHIT) or Frances Schurer at 916-322-3463 (FSCHURER).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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