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

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FAIR HEARING DECISIONS AND HOW THEY RELATE TO OTHER MEDI-CAL ONLY CASES

It has come to our attention that some applicants have been providing their eligibility workers at application with fair hearing decisions from other cases that may appear to have some similarities to their particular circumstances. The purpose of this memo is to remind counties that fair hearing decisions are relevant only to the case involved and are not precedent setting. These decisions should not be accepted as Departmental policy, nor generally applied to other Medi-Cal only cases.

If an applicant or beneficiary provides a county eligibility worker with a prior fair hearing decision involving another case and it appears to be relevant to the applicant or beneficiary's case, please call the State policy analyst assigned to that specific area for an interpretation before relying upon the decision.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Sharyl Shanen-Raya of my staff at (916) 657-2942.

Sincerely,

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