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

Letter No.: 94-38

REDETERMINE THE GRANDFATHERED 2.7 PERCENT PICKLE INDIVIDUALS

Ref.: E-Mail No. 94003, All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) No. 94-20

This is to clarify the previous E-Mail No. 94003 and ACWDL No. 94-20 concerning the grandfathered 2.7 percent Pickle individuals (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14005.21). We did not intend to preclude any Pickle redeterminations for this group. Those individuals who were eligible for the Pickle program August 31, 1993 had their Pickle-based Medi-Cal extended as of January 1, 1994. Under state law, they are subject to all regular Pickle requirements except for the income standard which remains at the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) income levels which were in effect before the 2.7 percent SSI/SSP reduction on September 1, 1993. These individuals must be redetermined under Pickle eligibility rules (e.g., property at \$2,000 for a single person and \$3,000 for a couple). Also, if their income rises above the SSI/SSP income levels which were in effect on August 31, 1993 (e.g., \$620 for a single person after all disregards were applied), except for cost of living adjustments, they will no longer be eligible for the Pickle program.

The 2.7 percent individuals who were Pickle eligible August 31, 1993 will continue in aid code 14, 24, or 64 until they go into the new aid code(s) in September 1994.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Finberg of my staff at (916) 657-0080.

Sincerely,

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