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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.: 94-74

## TREAT THE PICKLE INDIVIDUALS AS IF THE 2.3 PERCENT REDUCTION NEVER OCCURRED

The purpose of this letter is to advise the counties that they are to continue to treat Pickle individuals as if the 2.3 percent reduction never occurred. 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 2.3 percent SSI/SSP reduction in September 1, 1994. 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, 1994 (e.g., \$603.40 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.

In addition, 2.7 percent grandfathered Pickle individuals who ordinarily would be subject to the 2.3 percent reduction also will be treated as if the 2.3 percent reduction had not occurred (e.g., the level for a single person, \$620). Both the 2.7 percent individuals who were Pickle eligible August 1993 and the 2.3 percent individuals who were Pickle eligible August 31, 1994 will continue in aid code 14, 24, or 64 until the new aid codes are implemented. Please flag these cases.

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

Sincerely,

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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch