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

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EARLY FRAUD DETECTION PROGRAM (EFDP)

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the Department of Health Services, Audits and Investigations, Investigations Branch, is expanding the Medi-Cal EFDP program.

Medi-Cal EFDP started in the mid-1980's and was first expanded in San Diego County in 1988, resulting in substantial cost savings and a 55 percent denial rate on applications. The primary purpose of this program is to prevent Medi-Cal fraud from occurring by investigating potential ineligibility before Medi-Cal approval.

County eligibility staff is to make referrals to the Department's Investigations Branch when it is suspected that a Medi-Cal applicant has failed to report income, property, true residence, household composition, or other material information. Referrals may be made by telephone to the nearest Investigations Office, by completing the Confidential Medi-Cal Complaint Report (form MC 609) or by a form which the Investigations Branch and the county may jointly create. Please call (916) 322-8444 for further information on the referral process.

All EFDP referrals will receive top priority from the Investigations Branch and will be processed within seven days. The findings will generally be reported back to the county within ten days of receipt of the referral.

For more information on this program, please contact the Department of Health Services, Audits and Investigations, Investigations Branch, 591 North 7th Street, First Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Sincerely,

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