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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT (QSR) MC 176

This letter updates the Department of Health Services' (DHS) policy for the Quarterly Status Report (QSR) MC 176 (SA) used by beneficiaries to report changes affecting their program eligibility.

- 1. DHS will continue to:
 - a. maintain manual copies of the MC176 (SA) at the state level;
 - b. publish and distribute changes to the form MC 176 (SA); and
 - c provide state language for approved substitutions (SAWS 7).
- Consortia/Counties will decide to what degree they automate changes to MC 176 (SA) or approved substitutions. Counties are responsible for the timely and accurate implementation of these changes
- 3. Counties have the flexibility to:
 - a. choose the form format to use within their automated welfare systems;
 - b add as appropriate, their own language to QSRs to adapt to special circumstances (provided they obtain approval for such language from DHS); and
 - c consult on an as needed basis with DHS staff for direction/clarification on individual QSR issues/state language.

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- 4. If counties choose not to automate the form MC 176 (QSR) or not to use a substitute, they will:
 - a. notify DHS, Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch, they will not automate the QSR requirement or change within 90 days of its release; and
 - b. use manual QSRs in order to remain in compliance with state requirements.

DHS is currently in process of reviewing Article 4H in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual. Revisions to these requirements are anticipated. Counties and Consortia will receive timely updates and informations on these changes as they become available.

This policy applies to all Consortia/Counties. If there are questions about the QSR and specific Medi-Cal requirements, please contact Kveta Simon of my staff at (916) 657-2767.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Frank S. Martucci, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

MEDI-CAL STATUS REPORT

THIS REPORT IS FOR THE MONTH OF

OTICE:

- YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS REPORT.
- YOU MUST RETURN THIS REPORT TO THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH SHOWN ABOVE .
- IF YOU DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM, YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDI-CAL MAY BE DISCONTINUED.
- REMEMBER, YOU STILL MUST REPORT ALL CHANGES TO YOUR ELIGIBILITY WORKER WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS. CLIENT COUNTY

VEED HELP? CALL YOUR WORKER:

TELEPHONE:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- YOU MUST COMPLETE EVERY SECTION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE, UNLESS YOU NO LONGER NEED MEDI-CAL.
- IF YOU NO LONGER NEED MEDI-CAL, COMPLETE ONLY QUESTION 8 ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM, SIGN AND DATE IT.
 - THE INFORMATION YOU PUT ON THIS REPORT MUST COVER THE ENTIRE REPORT MONTH.
- IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE TO REPORT INFORMATION, YOU MUST ATTACH A SHEET OF PAPER WITH THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS REPORT.

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- FREE HOUSING, UTILITIES, FOOD OR CLOTHING.
- EARNINGS FROM A JOB INCLUDES SALARY, HOURLY WAGES, TIPS, COMMISSIONS AND ON THE JOB INCENTIVES SUCH AS JTPA (JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT).

REMEMBER, GROSS INCOME IS WHAT YOU EARNED BEFORE ANY DEDUCTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT OF YOUR CHECK

- GOVERNMENT BENEFITS INCLUDES SOCIAL SECURITY, WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS, VETERANS PENSIONS, RAILROAD RETIREMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, SSI, OTHER RETIREMENT, DISABILITY PAYMENTS OR INCOME TAX REFUNDS.
- OTHER MONEY IS CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY, SELF-EMPLOYMENT, INTEREST INCOME, LOANS, GRANTS, SETTLEMENT BENEFITS, RENTAL INCOME, GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, LOTTERY WINNINGS, ETC.
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- PREGNANCY, BIRTH OF BABY, SCHOOL, HOUSING, LAND, CARS, BOATS, BANK ACCOUNTS, DISABILITY, MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, SEPARATION, IMMIGRATION STATUS, ETC.
- FAMILY MEMBER USUALLY MEANS APPLICANT, SPOUSE, APPLICANT'S OR SPOUSE'S UNMARRIED CHILDREN UNDER AGE 21.

ALIFORNIA LAW (WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE, SECTION 14014) STATES THAT IF YOU FAIL TO EPORT CHANGES IN INCOME, PROPERTY OR FAMILY STATUS WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE AND SUCH AILURE CAUSES MORE THAN \$400.00 TO BE WRONGLY EXPENDED FOR MEDICAL SERVICES, YOU WE COMMITTED A FELONY.

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