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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
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**HEALTHY FAMILIES AND MEDI-CAL MAIL-IN APPLICATION BOOKLET --  
ADVANCE COPY, FINAL PRODUCT**

Ref.: Medi-Cal Eligibility Information Letter No. I-98-3

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide an advance copy of the new Healthy Families and Medi-Cal Mail-In Application Booklet. In addition to English, the application booklets will be available in the nine threshold languages of Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hmong, Armenian, Chinese, Lao, Russian, and Farsi. The program implementation date is July 1, 1998.

The application booklet contains highlights of the new Healthy Families program for children and recent changes to Medi-Cal that affect children up to age 19 and pregnant women. It also contains the new mail-in application forms with completion instructions and pre-addressed postage-paid envelopes.

The application booklets will be available in various locations frequented by potential applicants including, but not limited to, county welfare departments, public health departments, local community-based organizations, providers' offices, schools, and neighborhood businesses. Richard Heath and Associates, the Department of Health Services' (DHS) Outreach Contractor and Electronic Data Systems, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board's Healthy Families Enrollment Contractor will also provide copies of the applications upon request.

DHS appreciates your efforts in helping to achieve our shared goal -- affordable health care for California's children.

Sincerely,

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Glenda Arellano, Chief  
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Enclosure