

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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

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**COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997**

In accordance with Section 606 of P.L. 105-78, payments made in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997 (P.L. 104-201) to persons captured and interned by North Vietnam shall be exempt as income and property and shall not be considered in determining eligibility for Medi-Cal.

These payments may be made in the form of a check from "The Lost Army Commando Trust Fund" and the recipient should also have a letter from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense that identifies the payment as having been made in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997. If this verification is not available, or if you have any questions on this issue, please contact Dave Rappolee regarding income at (916) 657-0163 or Sharyl Shanen-Raya regarding property at (916) 657-2942 before exempting the funds.

Sincerely,

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Angeline Mrva, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch