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

Letter No.: 99-10

**MORATORIUM ON REGIONAL CENTERS WAIVER REFERRALS, NEW AID CODES,
AND THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE**

Moratorium

On April 6, 1998, E-Mail No. 98043 was sent to counties stating that effective December 4, 1997, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) imposed a moratorium on any additions to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Home and Community Based Waivers. That E-Mail also stated that counties should not be receiving any new referrals from the Regional Centers but a new waiver was expected to be effective July 1, 1998. On July 9, 1998, E-Mail No. 98095, stated that the moratorium was still in effect and to contact us before accepting any new DDS waiver candidates.

We have recently been advised that HCFA has approved a new DDS waiver but only for persons who were previously listed as being in the waiver. Therefore, Regional Centers have been advised to refer only persons who were on their original waiver list but for some reason had never been referred to the county for a determination. Those persons may have been receiving Medi-Cal Only with or without a share of cost (SOC), Supplemental Security Income payments, or had insurance which paid for their expenses. This will eliminate the need for you to contact us as previously instructed. If the waiver candidates move to another county, please be sure to send a copy of the referral form to the new county.

New Aid Codes

The following aid codes will be available for waiver eligibles as of March 1, 1999:

6V DDS Waiver No SOC
6W DDS Waiver SOC

6X Model Waiver No SOC
6Y Model Waiver SOC

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These are full scope primary aid codes. Status reporting will not be required, nor will they be required to participate in managed care plans. However, those in no SOC aid codes may choose to be in a managed care plan if they so desire. Children under age 19 who have no SOC in 6V and 6X are also eligible for the Personal Care Services Program.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Margie Buzdas of my staff at (916) 657-0726.

Sincerely,

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