

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Health Services



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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch Information Letter No.: I 02-08

TO:

ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT:

NOTIFICATION TO MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES-CRAIG V. BONTÁ

(Reference ACWDL No. 02-45)

The purpose of this letter is to inform the county welfare departments that the enclosed notice was mailed to Medi-Cal beneficiaries on October 9, 2002. This notice is being released to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries who received an extended month of Medi-Cal eligibility for June and July 2002 under the Ramos v. Meyers settlement.

This notification serves to inform the affected Medi-Cal population regarding their entitlement under the <u>Craig</u> v. <u>Bontá</u> lawsuit, which prohibits the Department of Health Services (DHS) from terminating a beneficiary's SSI linked Medi-Cal benefits on or after June 30, 2002. DHS has also been ordered to provide continued full-scope Medi-Cal coverage until an eligibility redetermination for other Medi-Cal programs has been completed.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Bill Walsh, Chief of the Policy B Unit, at (916) 657-2941.

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Beth Fife, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure



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Notice Preparation Date: 10/08/02

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SACRAMENTO, CA 94234-7320

Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment

Social Security Number: «ssn»
Beneficiary ID Number: «beneid»

The Social Security Administration has notified the Department of Health Services (DHS) that your Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) cash payment has stopped. Even though you are no longer receiving SSI/SSP, the Department informed you of an extended month of Medi-Cal eligibility for June or July 2002. However, due to recent litigation in the matter of the <u>Craig v Bontá</u> lawsuit you will continue to receive full scope Medi-Cal benefits without a share of cost until your eligibility for other Medi-Cal programs can be redetermined.

Your eligibility for Medi-Cal will continue. **Do not throw away your Medi-Cal plastic card.** If you have any questions regarding this notice or your Medi-Cal, please contact the State of California, Department of Health Services, Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch at (916) 654-9162.