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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Public Health Directors
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County RAMOS Coordinators

NOTICE TYPE 26 LIST

Ref.: E-Mail No. 98091

The purpose of this letter is to inform all county RAMOS coordinators that they will receive a monthly Notice Type 26 list beginning with the June 1998 RAMOS run date.

The Notice Type 26 list has been developed at county request. This list consists of names of former Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disabled recipients who were found no longer disabled by SSI and were terminated from SSI disability cash benefits. The date of birth will be displayed for each individual so that counties can determine if the individual is a former SSI disabled child or adult. Medi-Cal will automatically continue for the individuals on the list if the individual has either an appeal pending with SSI regarding the cessation of disability or is within the time period in which the next level of appeal can be requested. In addition, there are certain children who were terminated from SSI due to the new definition for a disabled child under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 and who continue to be eligible for Medi-Cal under the grandfathering provision until age 18 provided they continue to meet SSI income/resource, and pre-PRWORA disability criteria. These children are likely to be eligible under regular Medi-Cal rules until age 21.

Special problems may arise until new aid codes can be implemented to specifically identify the former SSI no longer disabled adult and child recipients. For example, problems arise when the county takes over a case on the Notice Type 26 list and later discontinues that case. This will occur when a former SSI disabled child immediately applies for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and the county determines eligibility for Medi-Cal under CalWORKs. Once the individual is discontinued from CalWORKs and unless the county flags it as a "no longer disabled" case, it will be very difficult for the county to determine if that individual should continue to receive Medi-Cal based on a pending SSI appeal or the grandfathering provision.

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As an interim process until the new aid codes are implemented, the Notice Type 26 list should assist the county in identifying the SSI appeals status or potential grandfather status of these former SSI no longer disabled adults/children. This would be particularly helpful should the county choose to track these cases as these former SSI recipients may immediately apply for CalWORKs. Should the beneficiary be discontinued from CalWORKs, the county must check the MEDS INQP screen which also contains the date of birth to see if the beneficiary is a potential grandfathered "no longer disabled" child or is a former SSI disabled recipient who still has an SSI appeal pending on the cessation of disability issue. If there is an SSI appeal still pending or it is unknown whether a child is a grandfathered case, counties will need to call either Marie Taketa at (916) 657-1250 or Leanna Pierson at (916) 654-0630 of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch to verify the SSI appeal status or if the child is one of the grandfathered cases and have the Medi-Cal case restored, if applicable.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Taketa at the above telephone number. For questions regarding the upcoming No Longer Disabled Children's Program, please call Mary Maestas-Sandoval at (916) 657-1248.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch