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MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES MANUAL LETTER NO.: 144

TO: Holders of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual

REVISION TO MEB MANUAL PROCEDURES--ARTICLE 4M

Enclosed are revised procedures, for Article 4M, "Verification of Unconditionally Available Income". Information regarding this article was included in All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 93-59 dated August 19, 1993. We would like to remind all manual holders that Article 4 starts with letter 'H' due to removal of parts 4A through 4G as instructed in Procedures Manual Letter 132. Procedures 4A through 4G became part of Article 22.

Procedure Revision

Description

Article 4M

In addition to the current procedures, list of individuals that should not be referred to Employment Development Department (EDD) to apply for Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB), now includes individuals seeking restricted Medi-Cal benefits.

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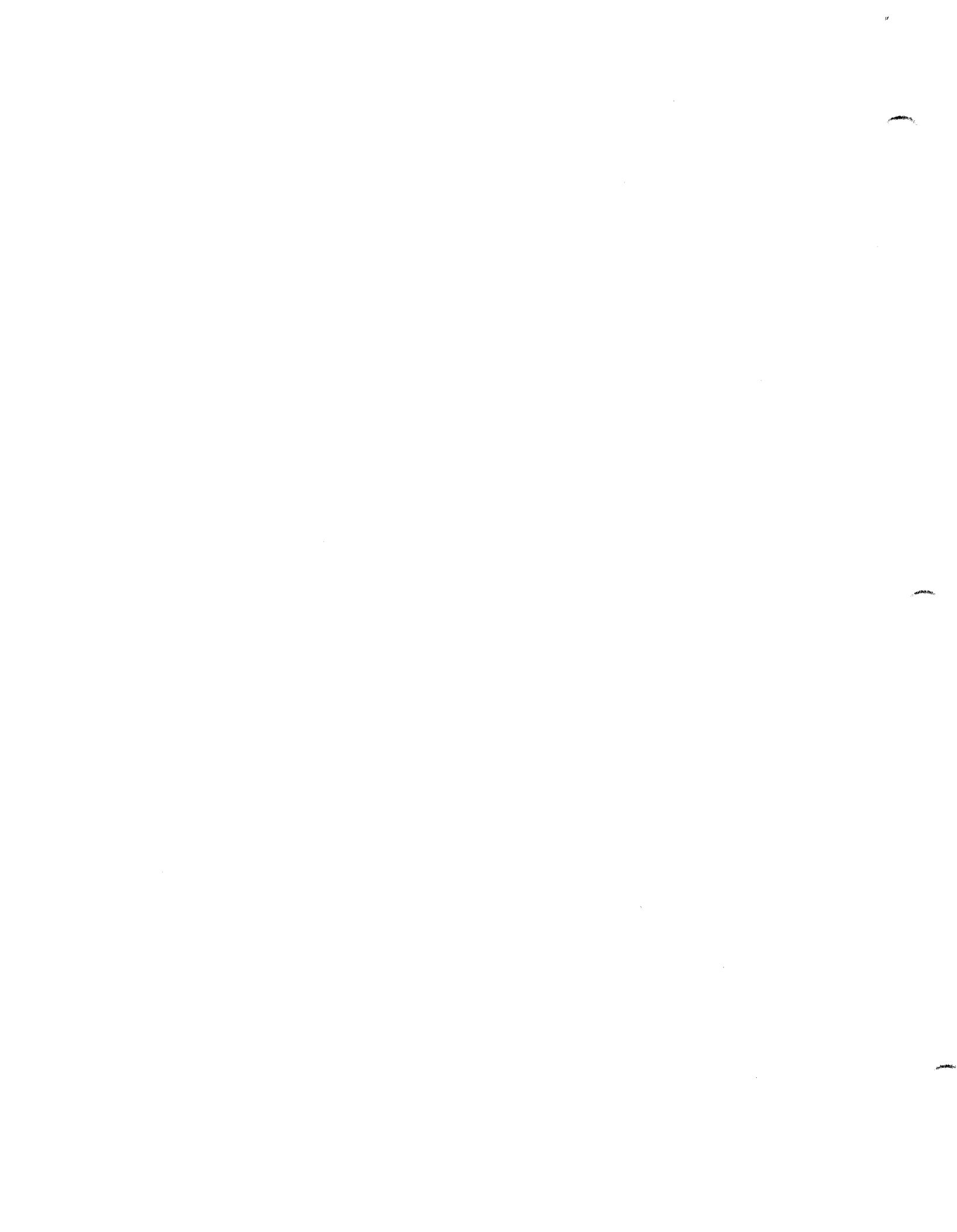
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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ana Ramirez at (916) 657-1401.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES MANUAL

4M -- VERIFICATION OF UNCONDITIONALLY AVAILABLE INCOME

The county is responsible for reviewing, with the applicant or recipient, all his/her resources, including his/her potential eligibility for unconditionally available income.

"Unconditionally Available Income" means that the applicant/recipient has only to claim or accept the income. Unconditionally Available Income includes, but is not limited to:

- Social insurance, i.e., Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance; Railroad Retirement; Unemployment Insurance; Disability Insurance; etc.
- Benefits available to veterans of military service, servicemen, their spouses, and their dependents (see Article 10J -- Veteran's Benefits).
- Private pension plans, union welfare funds, life insurance disability benefits, other forms of assistance, etc.

Public assistance payments (including Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment) are NOT considered unconditionally available income.

Before the referral of an applicant or recipient to Employment Development Department (EDD) to apply for Unemployment Insurance, the county shall make the preliminary assessment as to whether or not the individual may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB). All applicants /beneficiaries of Medi-Cal should be considered potentially eligible for UIB and should be referred to EDD to apply for UIB. The counties should not send applicants/recipients in the following circumstances described below:

- o Individuals who have not worked in employment covered by UIB;
- o Individuals who have a UIB claim pending;
- o Individuals who are receiving or have exhausted their UIB;
- o Individuals who are receiving disability insurance benefits;
- o Individuals covered under Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50211;
- o Individuals denied or discontinued from the UIB program; and
- o Individuals fully employed;
- o Children under 16 years of age with no employment history;
- o Individuals seeking restricted Medi-Cal benefits;
- o Individuals that do not have satisfactory immigration status.

Application for unconditionally available income shall be verified in accordance with Title 22, California Administrative Code, Section 50167 (a) (7) (U).

