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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY APPEALS UNITS

SUBJECT: Correction of Administrative Law Judge orders regarding Retroactive Terminations for Medi-Cal Eligibility

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter is to address actions to be taken by county eligibility workers responsible for executing Administrative Law Judges' (ALJs) order to retroactively terminate Medi-Cal benefits.

BACKGROUND

In the past, ALJs have issued orders following a hearing requiring county social services offices to retroactively terminate Medi-Cal eligibility for beneficiaries in month(s) determined previously or presumptively eligible for health coverage. However, counties are not able to comply with the order due to lack of legal authority and system functionality.

As of the date of this letter, counties are requested to return all hearing decisions containing orders to retroactively terminate Medi-Cal eligibility to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), State Hearings Division, within 30 days to obtain a corrected order. The Chief ALJ has determined that these hearing decision orders were issued as a matter of technical error, and will require modification by the CDSS Fair Hearings Division. This technical correction does not supersede any due process rights of the beneficiary or the counties if they disagree with the corrected order.

If you have any comments or questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Deborah Palmer at (916) 440-7855 or by email at deborah.palmer@dhcs.ca.gov or Michelle Marean-Williams at (916) 341-3968 or by email at michelle.marean-williams@dhcs.ca.gov.

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