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

Letter No.: 01-67

WAIVER EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN SECOND VEHICLES

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 99-10, 99-26, 99-78, 00-59,
01-12, and 01-24

This letter is to inform counties of a change when determining eligibility under the Department of Developmental Services Home and Community-Based Services Waiver or the Department of Health Services Model Nursing Facility Waiver.

If the waiver applicant appears to be ineligible using regular program rules, then the applicant should be redetermined under the waiver rules which disregard the income and property of the parent(s) if the applicant is a child, or by using institutional spousal deeming rules if the applicant is living with his or her spouse.

If the applicant continues to have excess property using waiver rules because of a second vehicle, this vehicle is exempt if it has been modified to accommodate the physical handicap(s) or medical needs of the individual when determining eligibility. Verification shall be made by the physician's written statement of necessity.

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

Sincerely,

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