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To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 83-65

AID PAID PENDING FOR MEDICALLY INDIGENT ADULTS (MIAs) WHO APPLIED
FOR MEDI-CAL IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1982

ACWD Letter No. 82-73, dated December 22, 1982, stated that MIA persons who applied for Medi-Cal in November or December 1982, and whose application was not acted upon in time to give a ten-day notice would be given a simultaneous approval and denial. It further stated that while these persons could request and receive a fair hearing, they were not to receive continued benefits pending the hearing (aid paid pending).

Recently the decision not to provide aid paid pending (APP) has been questioned. In reconsidering the basis for the decision, the Department has come to the conclusion that this group of MIAs should not be treated differently from other MIAs. As a result, those MIAs who applied in November or December and who received a simultaneous approval and denial are entitled to APP if they filed a timely request for fair hearing. Counties, then, are instructed to issue APP when requested by the Office of the Chief Referee. No other action is required at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Watanabe at (916) 445-1797.

Sincerely,

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