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To: All County Welfare Directors

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## NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING DECEASED PERSONS

This is to provide you with information concerning SB 297 (Chapter 689, Statutes of 1983) which amends Section 10063 of the Health and Safety Code effective January 1, 1984.

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This legislation requires the local registrar of births and deaths to notify the county welfare department by the 15th day of each month of all persons for whom a death certificate has been registered in the previous month. Notification will include at least the name, social security number, sex, age, birthplace, birthdate, place of residence, and date and place of death for each decedent.

Untimely reporting of deceased beneficiaries has contributed to quality control dollar errors such as those occurring in the area of dental services where Medi-Cal payments are made on a capitated basis for all eligible persons. Therefore, this information should be useful to counties in timely discontinuance of deceased beneficiaries as required per California Administrative Code, Title 22, Section 50176.

If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Gannon at (916) 324-4956.

Sincerely,

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