STATE OF CALIFORNIA-HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES 714/744 P STREET 54 WENTO, CA 95814

September 12, 1984

To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 84-41

CWDA/DHS MEDI-CAL CORRECTIVE ACTION SUBCOMMITTEE

This letter is to share the minutes (attached) from the first meeting of the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) joint CWDA/DHS Medi-Cal Corrective Action Subcommittee. The purpose of the Subcommittee is to identify actual and potential Medi-Cal errors and develop corrective action initiatives for the purpose of reducing misspent dollars and federal/state fiscal sanctions.

The first meeting was held on August 14, 1984. Merced, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino and Yuba counties represented CWDA. The primary focus was to establish the goals and objectives which are described in the minutes.

This Subcommittee will meet monthly, generally the day before the CWDA Medical Care Committee meeting. We are interested in all counties' participation through submission of input to the Subcommittee members. Their names and phone numbers are listed in the minutes.

In the near future, this Subcommittee will be surveying counties by questionnaire to determine error prone areas which need to be targeted for corrective action. If you have any comments or suggestions, please call any member of this Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Caroline Cabias, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

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Minutes from the August 14, 1984 meeting of the CWDA/DHS Medi-Cal Corrective Action Subcommittee.

1. The meeting was held at 714 P Street, Sacramento.

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2. Members present were:

Ann Lashbrook - Merced - (209) 385-7375 John La Roche - Orange - (714) 834-6693 Lin Semenchuk Williams - Sacramento - (916) 440-7158 Kathy Trenery - San Bernardino - (714) 383-3781 Joyce Setters - Yuba - (916) 741-6323 Marlene Ratner - DHS - (916) 445-1912 or ATSS 485-1912

- 3. John La Roche was elected Chairperson and will be preparing agendas for future meetings. If you have any agenda items, please call John.
- 4. Marlene Ratner agreed to distribute Subcommittee minutes through DHS' All County Welfare Director's Letters.
- 5. The Subcommittee will report to CWDA through monthly reports given at the Medical Care Committee.

6. The following goals and objectives were established.

<u>Goals</u>

To identify actual and potential errors and develop corrective action initiatives for the purpose of reducing misspent dollars and federal/state fiscal sanctions.

<u>Objectives</u>

On an ongoing basis:

- a. Serve as a clearinghouse for corrective action information.
- b. Gather data on error prone areas by reviewing QC reports and input from counties.
- c. Evaluate data to identify areas to be targeted for corrective action initiatives.
- d. Solicit county input for corrective action for targeted areas.
- e. Evaluate county input and develop corrective action initiatives to share with counties and the State.
- f. Assess the impact of corrective action initiatives.

7. A survey questionnaire will be sent to all counties in September requesting identification of error prone areas which need to be targeted for corrective action.

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- 8. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 1984 in Room 500 at the DHS 714 P Street, Sacramento. Items for the agenda include:
 - 1. Controls for deleting a child who turns 21
 - 2. Reporting responsibilities for guardians
 - 3. Draft of survey questionnaire for counties.
- 9. Comments or suggestions from counties will be welcome at any time. Counties are encouraged to call any of the members.

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