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January 7, 1992

To: All County Welfare Directors   Letter No.: 91-123
     All County Administrative Officers
     All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
     All Pickle Coordinators

Subject: SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS DISCONTINUED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1991
          (Lynch v. Rank) -- 503 LEADS

REFERENCE: Pickle Handbook, 503 Leads, Section 3, pages 3-1 through 3-3

The above referenced section of the Pickle Handbook describes procedures counties are to follow upon receipt of the 503 Leads File Report. Pickle Coordinators will receive the initial listing the first week in January 1992; a sample of the 503 Leads File Report is enclosed. It will contain the names and addresses of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who were discontinued from the Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) effective January 1992 due to the Title II Social Security cost of living increase. Presumptive Pickle eligibility has been established on MEDS for these individuals for January through April 1992.

Counties will receive additional monthly updated reports during the months of February through November 1992. The updated 503 Leads File Reports will indicate those individuals, if any, for whom counties still must conduct a Pickle determination. Problems identified with these reports during 1991 have been corrected. Additional names will not be added to the updated reports; however, the names of those individuals who: 1) have been reinstated on SSI/SSP, 2) had their Pickle status updated, or 3) have been determined Medi-Cal eligible for Pickle, In-Home Supportive Services or Long Term Care will be deleted as updated reports are generated. Once all of the names have been deleted, your county will no longer receive the 503 Leads File Report.

At the same time the report is provided to you, Medi-Cal Pickle 503 Leads Notices (Type 51) are sent by the Department of Health Services (DHS) to affected beneficiaries. A sample copy of the Type 51 notice is enclosed; it now includes Food Stamp information.

Pursuant to the Lynch v. Rank court order, counties must ensure that the eligibility determination on these 503 Leads individuals is completed prior to April 30, 1992. If a delay has prevented counties from contacting or completing a determination on the remaining individuals by the end of April month of eligibility (MOE), Medi-Cal cards must continue to be issued through the appropriate county until a determination has been completed. Please refer to 503 Leads, Section 3, pages 3-1 through 3-3 of your Pickle Handbook for instructions on extending Medi-Cal eligibility for the May MOE and ongoing until all redeterminations are completed.

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NOTE: If Medi-Cal eligibility is established as a Pickle aid type, county welfare departments (CWDs) should submit updates to MEDS to establish ongoing eligibility. Since these records have a future term date, if an update is submitted prior to May MOE, the EW20 transaction must be submitted as an Inter Program Transfer (ESAC = 2 or 7). The Pickle status code will automatically be updated by these transactions.

However, if a beneficiary is determined to be currently ineligible for Medi-Cal benefits as a Pickle aid type, CWDs are required to submit an EW60 transaction (Modify Pickle Status Information) to MEDS to update the Pickle status to show that the beneficiary is potentially Pickle eligible (Tickler file).

Please direct any Pickle policy questions to Sylvia Finberg at (916) 657-0080/CALNET 437-0080. MEDS questions should be directed to your county MEDS Liaison or for Program/System problems to the MEDS "Hotline" at (916) 654-0341/CALNET 464-0341.

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Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Ricardo Bustamante for

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

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Enclosures

State of California--Health and Welfare Agency   NOTICE TYPE 51
Department of Health Services   NOTICE PREPARATION DATE:
Medical Assistance

                                        DISCONTINUANCE OF SSI/SSP MEDI-CAL -
          MEDI-CAL NOTICE   EXTENDED MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY
                                        (503 Leads--Pickle)

                    PN00001

LAST   FIRST   MI
FIRST   MI   LAST
FIRST ADDRESS LINE
SECOND ADDRESS LINE
THIRD ADDRESS LINE   ZIP CODE

TO: Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Discontinued
     From SSI/SSP on January 1, 19XX

CONTINUED MEDI-CAL BENEFITS & FOOD STAMPS

You were recently told by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that your
Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits
have stopped. That notice also instructed you to contact your county
welfare department within 30 days if you wanted your Medi-Cal benefits to
continue. You should ignore the information included in the notice that
related to your Medi-Cal benefits.

The reason your SSI/SSP checks were stopped is that you received an increase
in your Social Security benefits. Although this increase makes you
ineligible for the SSI/SSP check, you will continue to receive Medi-Cal
benefits under a federal law called the Pickle Amendment until the county
evaluates your eligibility. Those who are Pickle eligible will continue to
receive Medi-Cal without a share of cost.

To help you, we have listed below the address and telephone number of the
county welfare department in your area. If you do not hear from them by
March 15, be sure to contact a worker at your local county welfare
department.

You may also be eligible for food stamps, if you are not receiving an
SSI/SSP check. Those receiving an SSI/SSP check are not eligible. Food
stamps are coupons that can be used to pay for food. Your local County
Welfare Office will tell you more about food stamps and even help you apply.

If you are receiving SSI/SSP benefits, please ignore this notice.

                    Contact: (appropriate county welfare
                              office address, and
                              telephone number)

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REPORT NO. MR-MED820-R003   REPORT DATE 12/15/87   TITLE: 503 LEADS FILE REPORT   DISTRICT 999   WORKER A1

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CASE-NAME        COUNTY-ID                  MEDS-ID          BIRTHDATE     SEX   ELIG-STATUS
DOE              99-99-9999999-9-99         999-99-9999      11-08-955      F       001

DOE      JANE   A              PICKLE-TICKLER     SSI-LAST-RECEIVED   LAST-PICKLE-CHG
                                   CO                  12-87            12-11-87
ANY PLACE
ANY STREET
ANY TOWN, CALIFORNIA   ZIP
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CASE-NAME        COUNTY-ID                  MEDS-ID          BIRTHDATE     SEX   ELIG-STATUS
SMITH            99-99-9999999-9-99         999-99-9999      09-30-944      M       001

SMITH    JOHN   Z              PICKLE-TICKLER     SSI-LAST-RECEIVED   LAST-PICKLE-CHG
                                   CO                  12-86            12-10-86
744 P STREET
SACRAMENTO   CA   95814
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CASE-NAME        COUNTY-ID                  MEDS-ID          BIRTHDATE     SEX   ELIG-STATUS
NEUMAN           99-99-9999999-9-99         999-99-9999      04-01-936      M       003

NEUMAN   ALFRED E              PICKLE-TICKLER     SSI-LAST-RECEIVED   LAST-PICKLE-CHG
                                   CO                  12-87            12-11-87
714 P STREET
SACRAMENTO   CA   95814
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CASE-NAME        COUNTY-ID                  MEDS-ID          BIRTHDATE     SEX   ELIG-STATUS
BOND             99-99-9999999-9-99         999-99-9999      04-19-927      M       596

BOND     JAMES                 PICKLE-TICKLER     SSI-LAST-RECEIVED   LAST-PICKLE-CHG
                                   CO                  12-87            12-11-87
744 P STREET
SACRAMENTO   CA   95814
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