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

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SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS WITH MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE

This is to alert counties that the Department of Health Services (DHS) will be sending a notice with the January Medi-Cal card mailing to Medically Needy recipients who have Medicare and Other Health Coverage (OHC).

The notice explains that Medi-Cal recipients with Medicare supplemental (Medigap) insurance policies have the option of suspending their Medicare supplemental insurance coverage premiums for up to 24 consecutive months while they are Medi-Cal eligible. The notice also informs individuals who suspend their Medicare supplemental insurance policy to immediately contact their local county welfare department.

Counties are responsible for removing the OHC code from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) and issuing a corrected Medi-Cal card to the recipient. Counties must also determine whether the change in the recipient's monthly expense will increase his/her monthly share of cost or cause him/her to have a share of cost.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Tom Asoo of the Health Insurance Unit at (916) 739-3260.

Sincerely,

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