

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

714/744 P STREET
P.O. BOX 942732
SACRAMENTO, CA 94234-7320



December 11, 1992

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

Letter No.: 92-78

SUBJECT: Medi-Cal Impact of AFDC Program Changes Enacted in the Budget and Companion Legislation

The 1992-93 Budget Act and implementing legislation have made several changes to the AFDC program. None of these changes has any impact on the Medi-Cal program.

Effective October 1, 1992 there was a 4.5 percent reduction in the AFDC maximum aid payment (MAP) levels. Effective December 1, 1992, there is an additional 1.3 percent reduction. Federal approval has been received to continue the Medi-Cal-Only program maintenance need income levels (MNILs) at the levels in effect on June 30, 1991, despite these AFDC MAP reductions. Therefore, the Medi-Cal MNILs remain unchanged.

Effective December 1, 1992, two additional AFDC changes will be implemented.

1. Elimination of the 100-hour work rule for AFDC recipients.

Under a federal waiver, the 100-hour rule which currently is used in the AFDC and Medi-Cal programs in determining whether a family is deprived on the basis of unemployment will be eliminated for AFDC cash grant recipients. However, this rule will continue to be applied in the Medi-Cal-Only program. That is, Title 22, Section 50215 Deprivation - Unemployed Parent remains unchanged.

2. Relocation Family Grant

Under a federal waiver, applicant families who have moved to California from another state and have not resided in California for a least 12 months immediately prior to application will receive an AFDC grant equal to the lesser of:

- A. the amount of aid computed using California's grant computation, or;
- B. the maximum aid payment for the appropriate family size from the prior state of residence, plus applicable California special needs allowance.

All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
Page 2

These provisions only impact the amount of the AFDC grant; they do not result in ineligibility for any AFDC applicants or recipients. Therefore, it has no impact on eligibility for AFDC cash-based Medi-Cal. Furthermore, this provision will not be applied in the Medi-Cal-Only program.

As you may be aware, other proposed AFDC changes such as those relating to AFDC ineligibility of pregnant women with no born children or cash bonuses for school attendance under certain circumstances will not be implemented because the Government Accountability and Taxpayer Protection Act was not approved by the voters in November.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Marge Buzdas of my staff at (916) 657-0726.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Glenda Arellano for

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch