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

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**1994 INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM (IEVS) MEDI-CAL ONLY
(MCO) FRANCHISE TAX BOARD (FTB) AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)
ASSET MATCHES**

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of modifications to the IEVS recipient MCO 1994 FTB and IRS asset match abstracts that will be distributed to counties in November 1996. The modifications will reduce the county IEVS workload from last year's levels.

Prior to January 1, 1995, FTB asset match abstracts for MCO recipient cases were sent directly to the counties from the California Department of Social Services. Beginning in January 1995, all MCO recipient IRS/FTB match abstracts were sent to Department of Health Services (DHS) Investigations Branch for prioritization and distribution to the counties. At that time, the threshold was changed from \$100 to zero, and medical utilization information was deleted from the abstracts. The combined effect of a zero dollar threshold and the deletion of medical utilization information resulted in significantly increased workloads for counties and Investigations Branch.

Beginning in November 1996, the 1994 IRS/FTB asset match abstracts will again be sent to DHS Investigations Branch for distribution to counties, and will include the following changes:

- The threshold for all active MCO cases will be set at \$100. (This means the abstract will only include match listings for active recipients with \$100 or more unearned income reported.)
- The threshold for all inactive MCO cases will be set at \$1,000. (This means the abstract will only include match listings for inactive recipients with \$1,000 or more unearned income reported.)
- Medi-Cal utilization information (summary information for paid claims only; no dental information and no capitation plan information) will be displayed on the abstracts.

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The higher IEVS asset match dollar thresholds will eliminate many insignificant cases from IEVS processing requirements. In addition, the inclusion of medical utilization information on the abstracts will simplify the workload. Counties will continue to follow the IEVS procedures specified in Article 21 of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual.

The Medi-Cal Eligibility and Investigations Branches will work together to address county concerns. If you have questions regarding IEVS operations and/or the changed asset match tolerances, please contact Merrilee Ketcherside, Investigations Branch at (916) 322-3194. If you have questions regarding IEVS policy, please contact Sandy Benny, Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch at (916) 255-0984 or (916) 654-5909.

Sincerely,

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