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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Medicaid Numbers for HCEP/CCPED Conversion Cases

As you are aware, the Governor's FY 1997 Budget calls for the elimination of the Home Care Expansion Program (HCEP) and transfer of the funding for 550 slots to the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled (CCPED). The effective date of this conversion will be July 1, 1996.


As a result of this conversion, HCEP beneficiaries are currently being evaluated for CCPED financial and medical eligibility to insure a smooth transition and no loss of services to beneficiaries who qualify. To simplify this process and to prevent multiple numbers in the Medicaid eligibility system, cases being converted from HCEP effective June 30, 1996 because of this initiative shall keep the HCEP number already assigned.

County welfare agencies are to terminate as of June 30, 1996 the current HCEP line of eligibility identified by program status code 160, 260 or 560. Termination code "07" (Case record closed due to transfer to another program) is the appropriate code. A new line of eligibility must be added with a program status code of either 120, 220 or 520 to reflect Medicaid Only (MAO). The effective date of July 1, 1996 would then be used. Cases not eligible for CCPED because of excess resources will be assigned a later effective date based on the establishment of resource eligibility.

The county welfare agencies will be required to end the special program code "09" with a closing date of 6/30/1996 and build a new special program period using code "08" beginning 07/01/1996, or later, if appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact your appropriate field staff.

Sincerely,


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