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**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Welfare Reform and Case Processing From 11/1/97 to 11/29/97

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 11/1/97

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Medicaid Welfare Reform programmatic changes are effective November 1, 1997. It is anticipated that the Office of Medicaid Management's Administrative Directive, "Medicaid Implications of Welfare Reform", sent to you via electronic mail (OFIS Link) on October 10, 1997 will be issued shortly in final format. Inasmuch as we will not be making significant changes to the directive as issued in draft, the version provided to you on October 10, 1997 can be relied on to implement the changes effective November 1, 1997. Systems support for these changes will not be available on WMS, or the MBL system, until December 1, 1997. Therefore, for the period between November 1, 1997 and November 28, 1997, the following procedures are recommended to ensure proper case processing.

Applications

If taken before 11/1/97 and for any coverage requested through 10/31/97,

- continue current procedures. Systems support will apply appropriate processes.

If taken between 11/1/97 and 11/28/97,

- cases found eligible should be processed as usual.
- for ADC-related cases (BT 01, 05 and 09) which have earned income and have excess income, the final decision should be pended until full systems support is available on 12/1/97.
- For HR-related cases (BT 02, 06 and 10) found ineligible due to excess resources, the final decision should be pended until full systems support is available on 12/1/97.

Recertifications/Undercare

If effective From and To dates are prior to 11/1/97,

- continue current procedures. Systems support will apply appropriate processes.

If effective From or To dates are between 11/1/97 and 11/28/97,

- cases found eligible should be processed as usual.
- for ADC-related cases (BT 01, 05 and 09) which have earned income and have excess income, the final decision should be pended until full systems support is available on 12/1/97.
- for HR-related cases (BT 02, 06 and 10) found ineligible due to excess resources, the final decision should be pended until full systems support is available on 12/1/97.

If effective From or To dates are after 11/30/97,

- full systems support using Welfare Reform rules will be available after 11/28/97.

A more detailed description of these processes can be found in the CNS/WMS Coordinator Letter dated 10/21/97. Additional systems instructions will follow in a forthcoming WMS/CNS Coordinator letter and MBL transmittal.