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TO: Local District Commissioners, MA Directors

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SUBJECT: Change in Procedures for Presumptive Eligibility Providers

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The Department of Health will be sending Presumptive Eligibility (PE) providers a letter describing changes in procedures in the PE process for pregnant women.

The first change is regarding the submission of the voter registration forms. You were informed at the Fall 1996 Regional Meetings and by a Dear Commissioner letter dated December 9, 1996 that PCAPs and other qualified providers would be submitting voter registration materials to local districts with the Medicaid application to meet National Voter Registration requirements. The procedures are changing and completed forms must now be submitted directly to the State Board of Elections. Therefore, you should no longer be receiving this information from PE providers.

The other change is the need to collect additional information from the applicant for reporting requirements, as described in "WMS Coordinator" letters dated June 6 and July 22, 1997. The data which should be collected is for ethnicity and Veterans status. It may be necessary for local districts to give PE providers more details as to this process. If the information is not received, the code for "OTHER" should be entered and the case should continue to be processed. However, the importance of coding Native Americans correctly should be emphasized, because they are exempt from the mandatory Managed Care enrollment requirement.