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TO: ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG TREATMENT PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA ALCOHOL AND DRUG DATA SYSTEM (CADDs)

You are probably already aware that a Welfare Reform will be implemented in California on January 1, 1998, to comply with the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. California's welfare reform program has been named California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, or CalWORKs. The legislation which created CalWORKs appropriated funds to provide substance abuse treatment services to CalWORKs recipients. These funds will be administered by the State Department of Social Services through county welfare departments, which are required to collaborate with the county alcohol and drug program office to ensure effective delivery of services. A fact sheet with more information about CalWORKs is enclosed.

To assess the impact of CalWORKs on the alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment system in California, and to account for the services provided to CalWORKs recipients, we must be able to count CalWORKs participants who enter AOD treatment. This will be done through the existing statewide client data system, CADDs, starting January 1, 1998.

For all persons admitted to your facility for AOD treatment on or after January 1, 1998, the following two questions will be added to CADDs:

- Ⓡ *Is this participant a CalWORKs recipient?* Yes or No (Y or N) must be recorded on all admissions.
 - Ⓢ *Is substance abuse treatment a part of this CalWORKs recipient's welfare-to-work plan?* Yes or No (Y or N) must be recorded on all admissions for CalWORKs recipients.
- ! Providers reporting client data directly to ADP on the state's CADDs forms will use Coded Remarks boxes 22 and 23 to record the answers to the questions above.
- ! Providers reporting client data to the county (which then submits CADDs to ADP electronically) will receive instructions from your county alcohol and drug program administration office on how to record the answers to these new questions.

As of January 1, 1998, it will no longer be necessary to indicate on CADDs whether the participant was receiving Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) in December 1996. We also plan to revise the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR) by replacing the count of applicants who received SSI/SSP in December 1996 with a count of applicants on the waiting list who are CalWORKs recipients. You will receive a revised DATAR form to use in January 1998. If you have a lengthy waiting list, please begin recording your applicants= CalWORKs status now so you will be able to report this information on January's DATAR.

Thank you for your continued support of the CADDs system and your conscientious effort to provide complete and accurate data. The Department relies on each of your facilities to provide data needed for planning, reporting to funding authorities, research, and policy development. If you have questions concerning the reporting of CalWORKs recipients on CADDs, please contact the Data Management Section in Sacramento at (916) 327-8627.

Sincerely,

[Original Signed By]

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cc: County Administrators
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