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TO: Local District Commissioners, MA Directors

FROM: Ann Clemency Kohler, Director, Office of Medicaid Management

SUBJECT: Department Mailing to Dixon Class Members

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 1997

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This message is to alert you to the first series of notices that have been sent to individuals identified by the Social Security Administration as being retroactively disabled pursuant to the Dixon, et al. v. Shalala court order.

As advised in Local Commissioners Memorandum 96 LCM-22, dated February 27, 1996, local Social Security Administration offices will be reevaluating Dixon cases over a period of time and will issue retroactive Social Security Disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits as appropriate. Individuals who are found to be eligible for retroactive SSI benefits who have not already been in receipt of full Medicaid coverage, are entitled to retroactive coverage/reimbursement for incurred or paid medical bills.

The SSI program will independently notify class members if they are entitled to retroactive SSI benefits. The notice of entitlement to SSI benefits is verification of a class member's potential entitlement to retroactive Medicaid coverage/reimbursement for incurred or paid medical bills.

To assist in determining if an individual is entitled to retroactive Medicaid coverage/reimbursement, the Department will provide districts with a quarterly report identifying any Medicaid coverage history information found to be associated with a class member. This process is estimated to be on-going for approximately four years. Districts will only receive a report if an individual is matched to the district using information on the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

It is important to note that for the period ending November 1, 1996, not all individuals identified as being potentially eligible for retroactive Medicaid coverage/reimbursement were matched to a social services district. If you are contacted by an individual who provides documentation of his/her

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receipt of a "Notice of Possible Medicaid Benefits" (see Attachment to 96 LCM-22) and a notice from SSI concerning retroactive SSI benefits under the Dixon court order, we ask that you process the case in accordance with the instructions contained in 96 LCM-22. If an individual is found to have been a resident of another district for the time period for which Medicaid coverage/reimbursement is being sought, please forward the necessary documentation to the appropriate district office.