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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 85-103

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY COUNSELS

SUBJECT: BABY DOE

This letter is in response to recent inquiries from counties regarding procedures to follow should a "Baby Doe" case be brought to their attention. A "Baby Doe" case is defined as an instance of medical neglect of a disabled infant. Alleged "Baby Doe" incidents fall within the existing definition of neglect found in California Penal Code Section 11165(c) and should continue to be responded to in a manner consistent with the provisions of Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 30-132.

If an allegation of medical neglect of an infant is substantiated, CWD's shall take actions to ensure the health and safety of the child consistent with the Emergency Response Program regulations MPP 30-100 through 30-198.

Any questions regarding this issue should be directed to your Adult and Family Services Operations consultant at (916) 445-0623.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Loren D. Suter'.

LOREN D. SUTER
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cc: CWDA