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LINDA VISTA HEALTH CARE CENTER

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FROM: CMS PATIENTS USING LINDA VISTA HEALTH CARE CENTER

The County of San Diego has issued a notice of intent to terminate the CMS contracts with community clinics effective midnight March 15, 1991. The Board of Supervisors will discuss termination of the CMS program on Tuesday, February 26, 1991.

As you know, closing the CMS program will have severe and negative impacts on clinics and other health providers, leaving thousands of people with serious health problems without access to care because of inability to pay minimum fees and pharmaceutical costs and/or lack of provider capacity. Approximately 25,000 of the more than 500,000 potentially eligible residents of San Diego depend on this program to meet their primary, chronic, specialist and emergency care needs in a given year.

We strongly urge the State of California and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to consider the crisis that will be created for thousands of severely ill people. It is critical to continue funding this vitally important program.

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