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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Public Health Officers

Letter No.: 98-40

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) VALIDATION FOR ALIENS APPLYING FOR MEDICALLY NEEDY ONLY DISABILITY CASES

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) No: 98-28

The purpose of this ACWDL is to clarify the procedures set forth in ACWDL 98-28 for sending Medi-Cal disability packets on undocumented aliens without a valid SSN to State Programs-Disability Evaluation Division (SP-DED) for a disability determination. When counties are unable to obtain a valid SSN for an undocumented alien who applies for Medi-Cal benefits based on disability, the county eligibility worker must annotate the MC 221 (Disability Determination and Transmittal form) in Item 10, with the following remark: **"Applicant does not have an SSN"** and forward the disability packet to SP-DED in the usual manner. Item 2 (where the SSN would appear) on the MC 221 should be left blank.

SP-DED will assign special pseudo numbers that were provided by the Social Security Administration to these cases for input into the Modernized Interim Disability Adjudicative System. These assigned numbers will be permanent unless a valid SSN is received by SP-DED. Counties are **not** to enter pseudo numbers assigned by the County or Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System on the disability packet. Counties should follow the same procedures when summiting disability packets to SP-DED for a reexamination, redetermination or reevaluation and there is no valid SSN available. If SP-DED needs to contact the county regarding an alien case without an SSN, they will use the case name, date of birth, and county identification number to identify the case. Should the county obtain a valid SSN on an alien case pending with SP-DED, the county eligibility worker must notify SP-DED via the MC 222 (DED Pending Information Update form).

If you have questions regarding the above process, please contact Mr. Terry Durham of my staff at (916) 657-2701.

Sincerely,

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