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April 23, 1999

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

Letter No.: 99-19

REQUEST FOR COMPLETION OF ALIEN ELIGIBILITY INDICATOR CODE UPDATE

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) Nos. 97-42 and 97-51

ACWDLs 97-42 and 97-51 required counties to update the refugee/alien indicator codes to the new "alien eligibility codes" in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System in order to properly track which aliens are eligible for federal financial participation pursuant to the requirements of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The Department of Health Services (Department) has determined that there are a significant number of active Medi-Cal cases for which the refugee/alien indicator code has not been updated as required.

The purpose of this ACWDL is to provide counties with a list of the active cases we have identified for which the refugee/alien indicator code has not been updated, and to request that all active cases with obsolete refugee/alien indicator codes be updated by county welfare departments no later than June 30, 1999.

Enclosed with this ACWDL is a sample printout showing the data fields that will be provided to the counties for each identified case requiring an updated alien indicator code. For each identified beneficiary, the printout will include County ID number, Social Security number, Birth date, Case Name, Beneficiary Name, Alien Indicator, and Alien Number (when available). Each page also includes County, District, and Eligibility Worker numbers in the upper right corner.

A hard copy of the list of active cases with obsolete refugee/alien indicator codes will be forwarded to the Medi-Cal Policy Liaison in each county for appropriate action. The list provided to each county will be grouped by district office, and within each district, by eligibility worker. Counties may also request an electronic copy of this data by contacting the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch staff assigned to this project.

It is imperative that counties complete the refugee/alien indicator code update by June 30, 1999. Until all active cases are updated, the Department must retroactively track Medi-Cal expenditures for miscoded cases to ensure proper claiming of federal Medicaid funds. The costs associated with generating this data increase over time, but all active cases must be properly coded before this retroactive claiming process can end. Therefore, counties who anticipate that they will not be able to meet the June 30, 1999 deadline must immediately contact the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch.

If you have questions regarding this ACWDL, or if you need to contact the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch to request electronic data or to discuss the deadline for this project, please call John Zapata of my staff at (916) 657-0725.

Sincerely,

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ANGELINE MRVA, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
OBSOLETE ALIEN INDICATOR CODES

ENCLOSURE

CNTY: 01
DIST: 031
EW: W630

OUNTY ID----<	SSN	BIRTHDATE	>---CASE NAME----<		>--------BENEFICIARY NAME----------<		ALIEN IND	ALIEN NUM
-XXXXXXX-X-04	222-22-2222	10/15/1981	DALMATION	,FARM	SCRAMP	DALMATION	1	
-XXXXXXX-1-01	999-99-9999	03/17/1957	DALMATION	,FARM	WIZZ	DALMATION	1	
-0000000-1-05	000-00-0000	11/16/1982	DALMATION	,FARM	SPOT	DALMATION	1	

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