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Letter No.: 03-06

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF AID CODE 4C
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) No. 02-57)

The purpose of this letter is to correct information provided in ACWDL No. 02-57 dated December 4, 2002, that concerned the redefinition of three aid codes, including aid code 4C. Page two of that letter which provided the new definition of 4C stated that the full-scope benefits originally tied to aid code 4C (when it was defined as Voluntary Placement into Foster Care) would remain the same. This would have meant that aid code 4C would provide associated Medi-Cal benefits. This is not correct.

Under the new definition, aid code 4C is not a Medi-Cal aid code and is being used solely to identify participants in the Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program (STEP). The STEP was established with the passage of the Assembly Bill 427, Chapter 125, Statutes of 2001. The STEP is an assistance payment to cover housing costs and is made to youth who have emancipated from foster care and who are 18 to 21 years old.

While aid code 4C is not a Medi-Cal aid code, individuals in this aid code may have a Medi-Cal aid code in addition to aid code 4C. Typically, participants in the STEP will have aid code 4M which provides full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to youth who were in foster care placement on their eighteenth birthday. While the STEP program was implemented on October 1, 2002, aid code 4C will not become operational until February 1, 2003.

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