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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
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ALL COUNTY MEDS COORDINATORS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES

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SUBJECT: Elimination of Statement of Citizenship, Alienage and Immigration Status (MC 13) for United States Citizens and United States Nationals

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to address circumstances under which counties are **not** required to obtain a Statement of Citizenship, Alienage and Immigration Status (MC 13) from United States (U.S.) citizens or U.S. nationals as a condition of eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal benefits. Please note that this letter does not eliminate the requirement to obtain a declaration of citizenship/immigration status from U.S. citizen or U.S. national Medi-Cal applicants. However, it clarifies that obtaining an MC 13 from these applicants is not necessary when it is duplicative of information already available to the county on another Medi-Cal form completed as part of the application process.

Specifically, it is **not** necessary to obtain an MC 13 from U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals if an applicant makes that declaration **and** declares his or her place of birth on any form signed under penalty of perjury during the Medi-Cal application process. In addition, counties must not deny, delay or reduce Medi-Cal eligibility for failure to provide an MC 13 if an applicant or beneficiary claims U.S. citizenship or U.S. national status and provides information about his or her place of birth on any form signed under penalty of perjury as part of the Medi-Cal application process (Such as the SAWS 2 or the MC 210).

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For Medi-Cal eligibility purposes, persons born in any of the following locations are U.S. Citizens:

- The 50 states
- The District of Columbia
- Puerto Rico
- Guam
- The U.S. Virgin Islands
- The Northern Mariana Islands

Persons born in American Samoa or on Swain's Island are U.S. nationals.

If an applicant declares U.S. citizenship or U.S. national status and declares a birthplace outside of the United States, counties are still required to verify citizenship or U.S. national status in accordance with California Code of Regulations, section 50301.1. If proof of United States citizenship is not readily available, the county may contact the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch for assistance.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. John Zapata, of my staff, at (916) 657-0725.

Original signed by

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