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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 08-54
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ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005 AND STATE-ONLY PROGRAMS

Introduction

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to clarify that the citizenship and identity requirements of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) codified in Welfare and Institutions code 14011.2 (d) and (e) do not apply to state only funded Medi-Cal programs.

The DRA requires documentation of United States (U.S.) citizenship or U.S national status and identity as a condition of Medi-Cal eligibility for most Medi-Cal applicants and beneficiaries who declare that they are a U.S. citizen or national (see ACWDL 07-12 and ACWDL 08-29). The DRA does not change the documentation or eligibility determination process for individuals declaring non-citizen immigrant status.

The state only non-federally funded programs to which the federal DRA citizenship and identity requirements do not apply are:

- Medi-Cal Dialysis Only Program (Aid Code 71)

- Medi-Cal Dialysis Supplement Program (Aid Code 71)
- Total Parenteral Nutrition (Aid Code 73)
- Minor Consent Services (Aid Code 7M, 7N, 7P, 7R)
- Medically Indigent Long Term Care (Aid Code 53)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the policy information in this ACWDL, please contact Ms. Amarjit Singh at (916) 552-9457 or e-mail her at Amar.Singh@dhcs.ca.gov.

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