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MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES MANUAL LETTER NO: 203

TO: All Holders of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual

Ref.: Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual Letter No: 201

Enclosed is a revision to the list of denial basis codes for closed Medi-Cal disability cases. SP-DED has added the basis code N36 to the list to represent cases that are denied due to insufficient evidence furnished to make a formal disability determination.

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Any questions regarding the above information should be directed to Mr. Terry Durham of my staff at (916) 657-2701.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure

22 C-8 -- PROCESSING SP-DED DECISIONS

1. DISABLED

A. SP-DED ACTION

Fully Favorable Allowances — MC 221 disability portion will be completed

Partially Favorable Allowances — MC 221 Attachment will be included with MC 221 if disability onset date is **AFTER** date of application, or if client was not found disabled during requested period of retroactive coverage.

A personalized denial notice (rationale for decision) will give the reasons for the less than favorable allowance.

ALLOWANCE CODES

MIDAS	WANG	DEFINITION
A61	A61	Condition meets severity of SSA Lising of Impariments.
A62	A62	Condition equals severity of Listing. For adults.
A63	A63	Medical/vocational considerations result in favorable decision for adults.
A64	A64	Medical/vocational considerations -- arduous unskilled work profile.
A55	A65	Continuance for reexamination case review.
A98	A98	Reversal by Administrative Law Judge at State Hearing.
A99	A99	Adoption of federal (SSA) Allowance/Continuance decision
B61	B61	Statuory blindness.
A65	A62	Disabled child claim - medically equals severity of Listing.
A66	A63	Disabled child claim - functionally equals severity of Listing.

B. CWD ACTION

Approve — Applicant as disabled, if otherwise eligible, or reclassify beneficiary as Disabled-MN.

Tickle — Case for resubmittal to SP-DED as reexamination case when a reexam date is shown. Reexam dates are set when medical improvement is expected.

Mail	Personalized denial notice (rationale for decision) to client which explains a partially favorable allowance. **NOTE**: The MC 221 and MC 221 Attachment are **NEVER** sent to client.

2. NOT DISABLED

A. SP-DED ACTION

MC 221	Block is checked "is not disabled" or "is not blind"; is **NEVER SENT TO CLIENT** for any reason.
MC 221 Attachment	Explains specific reasons for denial and is **NEVER SENT TO CLIENT** for any reason.
Personalized Denial Notice (PDN)	The PDN is an unnumbered, untitled, and unsigned sheet which explains the reason for denial and **can** be mailed to client.

DENIAL CODES

MIDAS	WANG	DEFINITION
N30/N41*	N30/N41*	Condition not severe.
N31/N42*	N31/N42*	Capacity for SGA -- any past relevant work.
N32/N43*	N32/N43*	Capacity for SGA -- other than past relevant work.
N34/N45*	N34/N45*	Contition prevented SGA for a period of less than 12 months. (For child, condition disabling for a period of less than 12 months.)
N35/N46*	N35/N46*	Condition prevented SGA at time of decision but is not expected to prevent SGA for a period of 12 months. (For child, condition disabling at time of decision but not expected to be disabling for a period of 12 months.)
N36	N36	Insufficient evidence furnished to make a formal disability determination.
N43/N51*	N43/N51*	Disabled child claim impairment severe - but does not meet or medically/functionally equal.
N44	N44	For child, impairment not severe. With or without visual impairment alleged.
N41	N51	Blind evaluation only -- not statutorily blind.
Z53	Z53	Adoption of federal (SSA) denial/cessation decision - SSA's disability decision is controlling over Medi-Cal's decision.
N55	N55	Cessation on reexamination case review.
Z59	Z59	Adoption of Federal Denial Cessation Decision where DA/A was material to the decision.

* Indicates visual impairment alleged.
Note: If the Midas or Wang basis codes are ambiguous to the CWD, please refer to the PDN for clarification.