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To: All County Welfare Directors

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EXTENSION OF MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY TO NON-"ENTRANT" CUBANS AND HAITIANS

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties of changes in the eligibility criteria for Cuban/Haitian Entrants which cause the extension of eligibility to a larger group of persons.

As you were informed in Medi-Cal letter 81-16, Cuban/Haitian Entrants possessing an INS Arrival Departure Record Form 1-94 indicating "Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) Reviewable January 15, or July 15, 1981" were defined as meeting federal and state alienage requirements, providing that, if they were Cubans, their date of entry fell between April 21, 1980 and October 10, 1980.

P.L. 96-422, in addition to providing the federal funding for the cash and medical assistance to be provided these Entrants, extended coverage to those Cubans and Haitians whose 1-94 is stamped "Exclusionary Hearing" or "Asylum Applicant".

Medi-Cal regulations, which specifically define entrants and refugees and provide specific eligibility criteria applicable to such persons, are being processed on a non-emergency basis, and will not be effective before the end of this year. In the meantime, counties should use this departmental directive as the authority to grant Medi-Cal eligibility, as appropriate, for affected Cubans and Haitians. Notices of Action (MC 239-B) granting Medi-Cal eligibility to Cubans or Haitians in Asylum Applicant or Exclusion Hearing Status shall cite P.L. 96-422.

NOTE: CUBANS AND HAITIANS ARE THE ONLY PERSONS WHO MAY RECEIVE MEDI-CAL WHEN THEIR INS DOCUMENTATION INDICATES THEY ARE LEGALLY IN THE U.S. FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME.

Eligibility guidelines and reporting requirements established for refugees shall also apply to entrants.

Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual Procedures Section 5F, Refugee Assistance Reporting Requirements, has been revised to incorporate all information and instructions provided on refugees and entrants. These procedures will be issued shortly.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medi-Cal Program Consultant.

Sincerely,

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