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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: ~~88-106~~ 89-04

SUBJECT: AID CODES FOR OBRA AND IRCA ALIENS

REFERENCE: ACWDLs 88-66 and 88-91.

The purpose of this letter is to reissue a chart listing aid codes for Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) and Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA) aliens. It had been previously issued as attachment two of ACWDL 88-66.

The chart now includes a statement emphasizing that to be eligible for Medi-Cal aliens must be otherwise eligible. This means that, regardless of the immigration status of aliens or the level of benefits they request, they must meet other eligibility requirements just as U.S. citizens must. One such requirement is linkage to the Medi-Cal program by being over 64 or under 21 years of age; blind; disabled; parent of a child deprived of parental support due to a parent's absence, incapacity, death or unemployment; pregnant; in long-term care, etc. Other requirements that must be met are: property, state residence, cooperation, etc. In conclusion, we would like to repeat what we said in ACWD letter number 88-91, answer 11:

> "...aliens who are what is commonly termed 'MIAs' are not linked. Therefore, alien MIAs, just as citizen MIAs, are not eligible to Medi-Cal services, whether restricted or full scope."

We hope this revised chart will be of assistance to you. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Bilot at (916) 323-4124, ATSS 8-473-4124 or Tom Dickson at (916) 324-4961, ATSS 8-454-4961.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: December 27, 1989

OBRA/IRCA ALIEN ENTITLEMENTS

In using this chart, "OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE" criteria, such as linkage (age, blindness, disability, deprivation of parental support, etc.), property, state residence, cooperation, etc. must be met to receive Medi-Cal benefits. Aliens meeting all factors of eligibility are entitled to Medi-Cal Benefits as listed below.

FEDERAL LAW	ALIEN CLASS	DOCUMENTATION	AID CODE	BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER MEDI-CAL
OBRA (PL 99-509)	Undocumented	None or inadequate	58	Emergency care and pregnancy-related services
OBRA	Persons filing for temporary resident status under IRCA (No legal resident status)	I-688A (Red-Work Authorization)	58	Emergency care and pregnancy-related services
OBRA	Visitors, students, etc.	Temporary Visas	58	Emergency care and pregnancy-related services
IRCA (PL 99-603)	Amnesty (245A) not ABD or child under 18. Temporary or permanent resident status, limited services for 5 years	I-688 (Green-Temporary Resident Status) I-551 (Permanent) Class-W16, W26, W36	52	Emergency care and pregnancy-related services
IRCA	SAWs (210), RAWs (210A), not ABD or child under 18. Temporary or permanent resident status, limited services for 5 years	I-688 (Temporary) I-551 (Permanent) Class-S16, S26, R16	57	Emergency care and pregnancy-related services
IRCA	Amnesty (245A) who are ABD or child under 18. Temporary or permanent resident status	I-688 (Temporary) I-551 (Permanent) Class-W16, W26, W36	51	Full scope
IRCA	SAWs (210), RAWs (210A) who are ABD or child under 18. Temporary or permanent resident status	I-688 (Temporary) I-551 (Permanent) Class-S16, S26, R16	56	Full scope

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FEDERAL LAW	ALIEN CLASS	DOCUMENTATION	AID CODE	BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER MEDI-CAL
IRCA	Cuban-Haitian (Status Pending (212)	I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record)	**	Full scope
IRCA	Pre-1972 Registry (249) or Cuban-Haitian with permanent resident status	I-551 (Permanent)	**	Full scope
IRCA	Amnesty (245A) SAWS (210), and RAWS (210A). Work authorization, temporary or permanent resident status	I-688A or I-688	50	County Medical Services Program (CMSP) (Non-Medi-Cal)

** Will not have special alien aid code. Use current aid codes.