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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: SB 175, MINOR CONSENT AND TOTAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION SERVICES

REFERENCE: ACWDL 88-66

This letter is to transmit policy regarding the Medi-Cal eligibility of aliens under the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986 and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1986 for State-only Minor Consent services and Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) services.

MINOR CONSENT SERVICES

Otherwise eligible IRCA and OBRA children under 21 years of age are entitled to all Minor Consent services. In other words, lack of satisfactory immigration status (SIS) does not bar Minor Consent services.

All Minor Consent applicants, regardless of their immigration status or citizenship, are required to fill out a form MC 13. Minor Consent services are considered restricted services, therefore, the MC 13 instructions for restricted services apply to Minor Consent applicants. On the MC 13, "Section B: Scope of Benefits Requested" should have the box "Other" checked and "Minor Consent Services" written on the blank line.

A Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) check is not needed for Minor Consent services. Advise alien Minor Consent applicants that INS will not be contacted regarding their immigration status.

Examples of Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) Reporting for IRCA/OBRA Individuals Eligible for Minor Consent

1. An IRCA Amnesty Alien - Restricted (Aid Code 52) categorically linked as a Medically Indigent Child - (Aid Code 82) would be reported as follows:

MEDS Field	County Enters	Medi-Cal Card Shows
County-ID Per MEDS	01-82-1234567-1-01	01-82-1234567-1-01
Orig-Aid	52	Not Shown on Card
Sen-Serv-Card	008	L8

2. An OBRA Alien - Restricted (Aid Code 58) categorically linked as a Medically Indigent Child (Aid Code 82) would be reported as follows:

MEDS Field	County Enters	Medi-Cal Card Shows
County-ID Per MEDS	01-82-1234567-1-01	01-82-1234567-01-1
Orig-Aid	58	Not Shown on Card
Sen-Serv-Card	008	L8

3. An IRCA Amnesty Alien - Full Scope (Aid Code 51) categorically linked as a Medically Indigent Child (Aid Code 82) would be reported as follows:

MEDS Field	County Enters	Medi-Cal Card Shows
County-ID Per MEDS	01-51-1234567-1-01	01-51-1234567-01-1
Orig-Aid	82	Not Shown on Card
Sen-Serv-Card	008	L8

Do not use the minor consent service indicators for minors who are already in a public assistance case, a Medi-Cal Family Budget Unit (MFBU) without a share of cost, or who qualify for AFDC cash because they are pregnant.

TOTAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION SERVICES

Among IRCA aliens, only those who are otherwise eligible and aged, blind, disabled, or under 18 are entitled to State-only TPN services. OBRA aliens are not eligible for state-only TPN services.

For purposes of completion of form MC 13, TPN services are not considered restricted services; therefore, the MC 13 instructions for restricted services do not apply to TPN applicants. All TPN applicants, regardless of their immigration status or citizenship, are required to complete an MC 13. On the MC13 form, "Section B: Scope of Benefits Requested" should have the box "Other" checked and "Total Parenteral Nutrition Services" written on the blank line. The rest of the form must be completed the same way as for a full-service applicant. A Social Security Number is required as a condition of eligibility.

Institute SAVE verification for aliens who are IRCA and aged, blind, disabled, or under 18, and for other aliens with SIS (aliens who are lawful permanent residents, conditional residents, or PRUCOL) in order to verify that their immigration status entitles them to TPN.

If you have any policy questions about minor consent or TPN services to aliens, please contact Linda Hayes at (916) 323-5861, ATSS 473-5861. Regarding MEDS, contact your State MEDS Network liaison.

Sincerely,

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