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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

Letter No.: 93-34

DELAY OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REGULATION TO REDUCE THE RCA/RMA ELIGIBILITY PERIOD
E-MAIL #93081

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has issued ORR State Letter 93-13 (enclosed) as a notification that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) intends to delay the effective date of the regulation published in the Federal Register on March 31, 1993, to reduce the eligibility period for refugee cash and medical assistance (RCA/RMA) from a refugee's first eight (8) months in the United States to a refugee's first three (3) months. The effective date of this reduction would be August 1, 1993 instead of June 1, 1993.

As mentioned previously, DHHS is hoping to receive supplemental funding in order to enable continuation of the eight-month eligibility period. If this occurs before August 1, 1993, we will inform you of that as soon as we have official notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Elena Lara at (916) 657-0712.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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ORR State Letter

93-13 Date: May 12, 1993

TO: STATE REFUGEE COORDINATORS

FROM: David B. Smith
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Office of Refugee Resettlement

SUBJECT: Intent to Delay the Effective Date of the Regulation to Reduce the RCA/RMA Eligibility Period

This is to notify States that the Department of Health and Human Services intends to delay the effective date of the regulation that was published in the Federal Register on March 31, 1993, to reduce the eligibility period for refugee cash and medical assistance from a refugee's first 8 months in the U.S. to a refugee's first 3 months. A notice is being prepared for publication in the Federal Register to change the effective date from June 1, 1993, to August 1, 1993.

The Department has determined that sufficient funds are available to continue an 8-month RCA/RMA eligibility period until August 1, based on more recent cost and recipient data.

The Department is hopeful that supplemental funds will be made available before August 1 to enable continuation of an 8-month RCA/RMA eligibility period for the remainder of the fiscal year.

States are advised to cease all efforts to implement the June 1 regulation. If termination notices have already been sent to recipients in anticipation of the change in eligibility period from 8 months to 3 months, States are advised to issue correction notices to recipients as quickly as possible.