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

Enclosed are revisions to Article 24, Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA), of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual.

**Procedure Revision****Description**

Article 24

Revisions to the Procedures for RMA due to clarifications in policy and Revision of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart G, Part 400. Specifically, the revised procedures provide clarification of what constitutes ineligibility for Medi-Cal in order for a Refugee to qualify for RMA, a definition of Refugee Cash Assistance, a new financial eligibility limit for RMA, and clarification that the date of entry for Asylees is the date asylum is granted.

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If you have any questions concerning a specific revision, please contact Ms. Elena Lara of my staff at (916) 657-0712.

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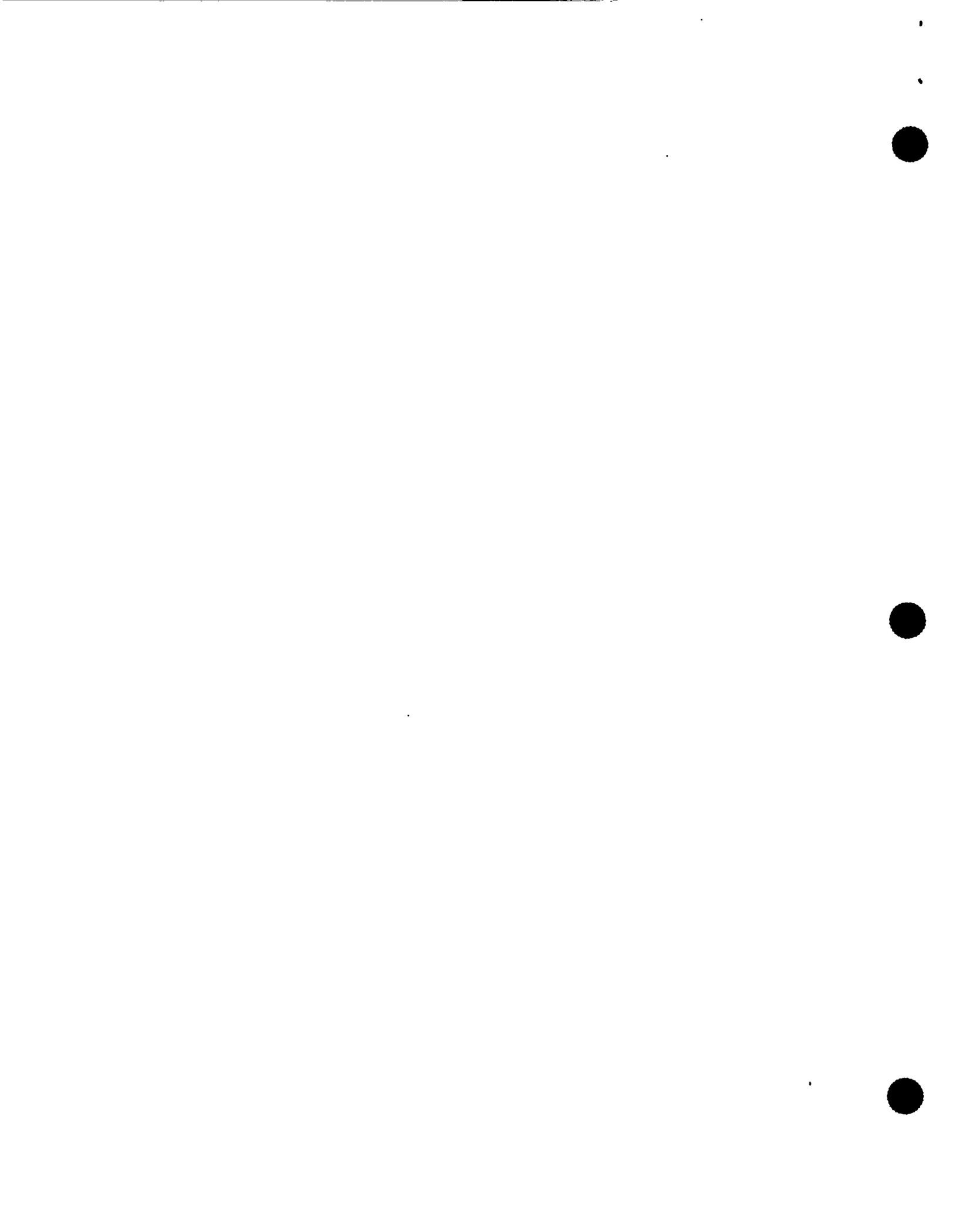
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## 24A -- INTRODUCTION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

It has been the policy of the United States (U.S.) to provide asylum and humanitarian assistance to persons subject to persecution in their homelands. This humanitarian resettlement assistance is provided through the states but is funded through the federal government. The purpose of this refugee assistance is to allow refugees to more quickly adapt to their new country, become economically self-sufficient, and ultimately participate in and contribute to their new communities.

### 2. BACKGROUND

Congress created the Cuban Refugee Program in 1962. This Act provided 100 percent federal refugee funding for cash assistance, medical assistance, and social services programs for needy Cuban refugees. Congress passed similar legislation for Indochinese refugees in 1975. In 1977, legislation was passed which required the transfer of refugees into the standard Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Medicaid programs if the refugees fit those programs, and provided for the phasedown of both special refugee programs over a period of from four to six years.

The federal Refugee Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212), enacted March 17, 1980, repealed the Indochina Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1975 completely, but left in place the Cuban Program Phasedown (formerly the Cuban Refugee Program) for all Cubans who entered the U.S. prior to October 1, 1978. Public Law 96-212 removes national origin as an eligibility factor for refugee assistance and provides for uniform treatment for all persons who are admitted to the U.S. as refugees. Cuban refugees who entered the U.S. on or after October 1, 1978 are included under this Act. The Act originally provided for special refugee funding (100 percent FFP) for a period of not more than 36 months beginning with the refugee's entry into the United States. The present time eligibility period is eight months.

The Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-422), enacted October 10, 1980, was amended (Fascell/Stone Amendment) to provide Cuban and Haitian entrants benefits similar to those provided to refugees. (Most Cuban and Haitian entrants are not eligible under the Refugee Act since they are not considered refugees.) Entrants and refugees are given the same time eligibility period depending on current budget allotments.

Under Section 584, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, incorporated as part of Fiscal Year 1988 Continuing Resolution, Public Law 100-202, certain Amerasians in Vietnam and their close family members are to be admitted through the Orderly Departure Program beginning March 20, 1988, under immigrant status. This legislation grants this group status as refugees and makes them potentially eligible to Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) funded cash assistance, medical assistance and social services.

### 3. FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 400 (Federal Register, Vol. 54, No. 22, 2/3/89 and Vol. 60, No. 124, 6/28/95), provides federal refugee funding, subject to availability, to states for cash and medical assistance for eligible refugees. As of July 1, 1989 and October 1, 1995, these regulations set forth the requirements for receipt of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), employment services, Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA), and refugee social services.

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The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (Public Law 104-193) took effect on August 22, 1996. Refugees as identified in 24D-12 are Qualified Aliens under this legislation and are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal if they meet all eligibility requirements. For specific eligibility information, please refer to the chart on page 24D-2.

Under recent revisions to Title 45, CFR, Part 400 effective June 20, 2000, Refugees will continue to receive RMA/Entrant Medical Assistance (EMA) benefits without redetermination or change in benefits if they are discontinued from cash assistance for any reason. If they are receiving RMA or Entrant Medical Assistance (EMA) only, and the Refugee receives increased earnings from employment, the Refugee will continue to receive RMA/EMA until the end of the eight-month eligibility period without redetermination or a change in benefits. Every eligible Refugee is guaranteed eight months of medical assistance. Other changes will be reflected in Section 24B of this Article.

#### 4. PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

Under the Refugee Act, the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) administers the program nationally in order to provide financial assistance, medical assistance, and social services to all refugees in the United States regardless of national origin.

Under a refugee resettlement state plan submitted to ORR, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is designated to administer the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) for the State of California, and the Director of DSS is the State Refugee Coordinator.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is designated to administer the Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) program for the State of California. DHS receives a grant directly from ORR for purposes of administering the RMA program. The Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch oversees the RMA program. The Refugee Health Branch in the Preventive Health Division oversees the refugee preventive health program through county refugee health coordinators to ensure that every refugee, upon initial entry into the State of California, is given a complete health assessment and screening and, if needed, follow-up treatment and care. This is also funded through ORR.

Every Refugee is to be determined ineligible for SSI, TANF, or the Medi-Cal programs by the county welfare department before they may be determined eligible for the RMA/EMA program for a period of eight months. However, a refugee who is RMA/EMA eligible receives the same benefits as a Medi-Cal beneficiary.

Refugee information is reported to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) by the county welfare departments. This information is used by CDHS to claim 100 percent federal financial participation (FFP) for medical assistance rendered to time-eligible Refugees. CDSS uses this information to claim 100 percent FFP for Refugee Cash Assistance and for allocation of Refugee Employment Services and Targeted Assistance funding.

#### 5. CASE MONITORING

Through an agreement with the DSS Refugee Programs Branch, they do case monitoring for the RMA program along with the case monitoring for RCA cases in the counties. Since the same documentation and similar criteria except for a few Medi-Cal requirements must be met for RMA eligibility, it was decided that it was cost effective for DSS to monitor RMA cases along with RCA cases in their normal county case monitoring reviews. DHS provided an RMA case monitoring form to DSS for this process.

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### 24B -- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. DEFINITION OF REFUGEE

For purposes of determining eligibility for assistance, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 50257, states that refugees and entrants who apply for Medi-Cal under the Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) or Entrant Medical Assistance (EMA) programs shall meet the definition contained in the Department of Social Services Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) of "refugee" (MPP Sections 69.203.1 and 69.203.2), "children of refugees" (MPP Section 69-203.3), or "entrant" (MPP Section 69-301-305).

##### a. REFUGEE

- (1) Persons identified by federal government as Refugees:
  - o An individual from Cambodia, Laos, or Vietnam who was paroled under Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), and who possesses a Form I-94 indicating the parole status.
  - o An individual from Cuba who entered the United States (U.S.) on or after October 1, 1978, and was paroled under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA as is indicated on Form I-94.
  - o An individual from any country other than Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam or Cuba who was paroled under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA as a refugee or asylee.
  - o An individual from any country admitted as a conditional entrant, prior to April 1, 1980, under section 203(a)(7) of the INA as is indicated on Form I-94.
  - o An individual from any country admitted as a refugee under Section 207 of the INA as indicated on Form I-94.
  - o All Asylees. An Asylee is an individual from any country who has been granted asylum under Section 208 of the INA as indicated on Form I-94; I-94 with admission codes AS-1, AS-2, or AS-3; I-94 with Visa 92 ( or V-92); Order of an Immigration Judge Granting Asylum under Section 208 of INA; or Asylum Approval Letter from an INS Asylum Office. **(NOTE: DOE for all Asylees is date asylum is granted.)**
  - o An individual from any country who is now a permanent resident alien as indicated by a Form I-151 or I-551 (Resident Alien forms), who previously held one of the statuses specified above.
  - o An individual admitted under the Amerasian Homecoming Act as an Amerasian. Only Amerasians from Vietnam are eligible. Form I-94 with code AM1, AM2, AM3; I-551 with code AM1, AM2, AM3, AM6, AM7 or AM8; Vietnamese Exit Visa, Vietnamese passport, or U.S. passport if stamped AM1, AM2, or AM3.

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- (2) Persons not identified by the federal government as refugees:
- o Any person with INS status of applicant for asylum or Humanitarian/Public Interest Parolee.
  - o Those persons who are actually dependent upon a repatriated U.S. citizen, except those dependents who qualify as refugees (eligible to Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)/RMA/EMA after 90 days), and who meet one of the following categories of relationship with such citizen: spouse, parents, grandparents, unmarried minor (under 18), children (adopted children and stepchildren), unmarried adult children (dependent because of handicap), spouse's parents, spouse's grandparents and minor siblings of the repatriate and spouse.
- (3) Children of Refugees eligible for RMA/EMA and identified by the federal government as refugees:
- o Children born in the U.S. of refugee parents are identified as a citizen child of a refugee.
  - o Children who are born of a refugee and a U.S. citizen living with the refugee parent only are identified as a citizen child of a refugee.
  - o Children who are born in U.S. of a refugee and a U.S. citizen where U.S. citizen is part of household **are not** eligible.
  - o Children of refugees who are relinquished for foster care placement **are not** eligible.
  - o Minor refugee children with no legal relationship to an adult should be referred to local county agency to establish that relationship.
- (4) Cuban/Haitian Entrants identified as Refugees and eligible for RMA/EMA:
- o Cubans and Haitians who possess an INS Form I-94 which states "Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)."
  - o Haitians who possess an INS Form I-94 which states that the person is a citizen of Haiti who has been either "Paroled" or granted "Voluntary Departure" status.
  - o Cubans who possess an INS Form I-94 which meets all of the following requirements: (a) states person is citizen of Cuba; (b) person was paroled on or after April 21, 1980; and (c) does **NOT** contain words "**Outstanding Order of Exclusion**".
  - o **Cuban/Haitian Nationals paroled into the U.S. from Guantanamo or Havana with special status under the immigration laws for Cuban/Haitians. I-94 with notation "Public Interest Parolee per Presidential Policy" dated October 14, 1994.**

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### 2. RMA/EMA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Refugees and Entrants must be determined ineligible for California Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Healthy Families, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) based Medi-Cal or Medically Indigent Child programs before they can be placed in RMA/EMA.

a. Specific Requirements under RMA/EMA:

- (1) **Each member of the family** must be considered ineligible for the public assistance programs listed above before RMA/EMA benefits can be granted. If any individual in a family unit is eligible for medical assistance under Medi-Cal, then medical assistance under Medi-Cal must be granted and not RMA/EMA. If a refugee is ineligible for Medi-Cal because there is no linkage, then place the refugee in RMA/EMA because linkage is not a requirement for RMA/EMA. For example, under sections 1902(a)(10) and 1902(l) of the Social Security Act, certain children under age 19, may be eligible for Medi-Cal even though their parents are eligible for RMA/EMA. Medical assistance may not be provided to such children under RMA/EMA if they are eligible under Medi-Cal.
- (2) Refugee Children must be considered ineligible for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families medical assistance before being placed on RMA/EMA. For example, if a mother and child arrive in the United States one year or more after the father, and the father is employed, the child might either be eligible for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, but the mother may not be eligible for zero share of cost Medi-Cal because of the father's income. Place the child in Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, if eligible, and the mother on RMA/EMA if she is ineligible for Medi-Cal.
- (3) Refugees must meet the financial eligibility requirements of the Medi-Cal program, or in those cases where a Refugee does not meet the income maintenance need level for zero-share-of-cost (SOC) Medi-Cal, the individual may be placed on RMA/EMA if he or she is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). These Refugees are eligible for RMA with a zero SOC for the eight-month time eligibility period. If they are above the 200 percent of FPL, then they may receive RMA/EMA with a SOC for the eight-month time eligibility period.
- (4) Eligibility for RMA/EMA must be determined as of the date of application. This means whatever income/resources the Refugee has on the date he/she applies and signs the application for benefits; **NOT** the date of the interview, the date of processing the application, nor any date other than date of initial application. If the Refugee gains employment during the month of application, **after** the application date, the earnings **cannot** be counted as income.
- (5) In meeting the financial eligibility requirements for RMA/EMA, **do not consider the following as income:**
- (6)
  - (a) Any resources remaining in the Refugee's country of origin,
  - (b) A sponsor's income and resources,
  - (c) In-kind services and/or shelter provided to Refugees by a sponsor or resettlement agency,
  - (d) Income earned after the date of application.

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- (6) County welfare departments must allow Refugee applicants who do not meet the eligibility standards for income and resources for RMA/EMA to spend down as is done for Medi-Cal eligibility.
- (7) Refugees in receipt of RCA are automatically eligible for RMA/EMA until the end of the eight-month eligibility period. RCA can be cash assistance from the county welfare department, from a voluntary settlement agency, or can be a cash grant from the federal Department of State or Department of Justice Reception and Placement programs.
- (8) Receipt of RCA is not necessary for Refugees to be eligible for RMA/EMA. Refugees may apply for RMA/EMA benefits without receiving RCA.
- (9) Loss of RCA does not mean Loss of RMA/EMA. If a Refugee loses or is terminated from RCA for any reason, RMA/EMA must be continued without redetermination or change in benefits until the end of the eight-month time eligibility period.
- (10) If a Refugee on Medi-Cal receives increased earnings from employment and loses Medi-Cal coverage, counties must transfer the Refugee to zero SOC RMA/EMA until the end of the eight-month time eligibility period. If the Refugee is eligible for TMC and the six-month TMC period is longer than the time remaining on RMA/EMA, then place the Refugee on TMC; i.e., whichever time period is longer.

b. Refugees ineligible for RMA/EMA:

Refugees who are full-time students in an institution of higher education (MPP Section 69-206.51) unless it is part of an employability plan developed by a county welfare department or its designee (MPP Sections 69-206.52, 69-206.53, or 69-206.54), or is part of a plan for an unaccompanied minor (69-213.23 or 69-213.62).

3. **REFUGEES UNDER THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT (PRWORA) AND THE BALANCED BUDGET ACT (BBA)**

Refugees as identified on the chart on page 24D-1 of these procedures, who are otherwise eligible, are eligible for benefits under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 and the Balanced Budget Act. These refugees are also eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/CalWORKs, Targeted Assistance, and Refugee Employment Services. Please refer to the proper social and employment services agency in your county.

4. **RESETTLEMENT AGENCY IDENTIFICATION**

- a. Voluntary resettlement agencies have Reception and Placement (R&P) contracts with the United States Department of State. They are supposed to:
  - (1) Ensure that newly-arriving refugees are provided appropriate and adequate sponsorship.
  - (2) Assist these newly-arriving refugees for at least 90 days after their arrival in the United States.
  - (3) Assist them to become self-sufficient as soon as possible.

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- (4) Services to be provided are:
  - o Reception Services: Meeting refugees at the airport and providing decent housing, essential furnishings, food, and clothing.
  - o Counseling and Referral Services: Orientation to life in America, and referral for health screening and employment services.
  
- b. Under federal RMA regulations, refugees who are applying for medical assistance must provide the name of the resettlement agency to the county welfare department.
  - (1) The county may then contact the resettlement agency and ask what assistance is being provided.
  - (2) The county may then enter the name and address of the agency in the case file.
  - (3) The county should record the amount of the resettlement cash grant, if any, in the case file. These grants are considered unearned income in the month received.
  - (4) Do not consider in-kind services and shelter provided to a refugee by a resettlement agency as income.

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### List of Voluntary Agencies in U.S.:

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Jewish Family and Children's Services  
1600 Scott Street  
San Francisco, California 94115  
(415) 567-8860  
Fax: (415) 922-5938

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Jewish Family Service of Orange City  
2029 West Orangewood Avenue  
Orange, California 92668  
(714) 939-1111  
Fax: (714) 939-1772

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Jewish Family Services of  
Greater Santa Clara  
14855 Oka Road  
Los Gatos, California 95030  
(408) 356-7576  
Fax: (408) 356-8736

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Jewish Family Services of Palm Springs  
255 North El Cielo, No. 430-A  
Palm Springs, California 92262  
(619) 325-7281  
Fax: (619) 325-2188

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Jewish Family Service of Sacramento  
1333 Howe Avenue, Suite 103  
Sacramento, California 95825  
(916) 921-1921  
Fax: (916) 921-1922

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Jewish Family Service of San Diego  
3715 Sixth Avenue  
San Diego, California 92103  
(619) 291-0473  
Fax: (619) 291-2419

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Southeast Asian Community Center  
875 O'Farrell Street  
San Francisco, California 94109  
(415) 885-2743  
Fax: (415) 885-3253

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Santa Barbara Jewish Federation  
104 West Anapamu, Suite A  
Santa Barbara, California 93190  
(619) 963-0244  
Fax: (619) 963-1124

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Jewish Family Service  
7620 Foothill Road  
Ventura, California 93004  
(805) 659-5144

International Rescue Committee  
3727 West 6th Street, Suite 619  
Los Angeles, California 90020  
(213) 386-6700  
Fax: (213) 386-7916

International Rescue Committee  
(East Asia)  
3000 T Street, Suite 204  
Sacramento, California 96816  
(916) 739-0122

International Rescue Committee  
(Former Soviet Union)  
7238 Cromwell Way  
Sacramento, California 95822  
(916) 421-2163  
Fax: (619) 284-2084

International Rescue Committee  
4535 30th Street, Suite 110  
San Diego, California 92116  
(619) 641-7510  
Fax: (619) 641-7520

International Rescue Committee  
1370 Mission Street, 4th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94103  
(415) 863-3777  
Fax: (415) 863-9264

International Rescue Committee  
900 East Gish Road, Suite E and F  
San Jose, California 95112  
(408) 453-3536  
Fax: (408) 453-1088

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International Rescue Committee  
1801 West 17th Street  
Santa Ana, California 92706  
(714) 953-6912  
Fax: (714) 547-8738

International Institute of San Francisco  
657 Mission Street, Suite 500  
San Francisco, California 94105  
(415) 538-8100  
Fax: (415) 538-8111

International Institute of Los Angeles  
14701 Friar Street  
Van Nuys, California 91411  
(818) 988-1332  
Fax: (818) 988-1387

St. Anselm's Cross-Cultural  
Community Center  
13091 Galway Street  
Garden Grove, California 92844  
(714) 537-0608  
Fax: (714) 537-7606

St. Anselm's Cross Cultural  
Community Center  
5250 Santa Monica Blvd., Rm. 305  
Los Angeles, California 90029  
(213) 667-0489  
Fax: (213) 667-2271

Sacramento Refugee Ministry  
2117 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, California 95825  
(916) 568-5020  
Fax: (916) 568-7268

U.S. Catholic Charities  
Catholic Charities (USCC)  
11100 Valley Boulevard, No. 207  
El Monte, California 91731  
(818) 442-0587  
Fax: (818) 251-3444

USCC  
Refugee Services  
149 North Fulton Street  
Fresno, California 93701  
(209) 264-6400  
Fax: (209) 237-7144

USCC  
Catholic Charities  
10505 Hawthorne Boulevard  
Lennox, California 90304  
(310) 672-2208  
Fax: (310) 251-3444

USCC  
Immigration and Refugee Department  
1400 West 9th Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015  
(213) 251-3489  
Fax: (213) 251-3444

USCC  
Catholic Charities  
1810 Canal Street  
Merced, California 95340  
(209) 383-0283  
Fax: (209) 383-3975

USCC  
1232 33rd Avenue  
Oakland, California 94601  
(510) 532-2515  
Fax: (510) 532-3837

USCC  
Catholic Social Services  
5890 Newman Court  
Sacramento, California 95819  
(916) 452-1445  
Fax: (916) 452-4099

USCC  
Catholic Charities  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405  
(909) 388-1239  
Fax: (909) 384-1130

USCC  
Catholic Charities  
814 Mission Street, 6th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94103  
(415) 442-5217  
Fax: (415) 281-1230

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USCC  
Catholic Charities  
4575-A Mission George Place  
San Diego, California 92120  
(619) 287-9454  
Fax: (619) 287-6328

USCC  
Catholic Charities  
2625 Zanker Road, 2nd Floor  
San Jose, California 95134  
(408) 944-0362  
Fax: (408) 944-0347

USCC  
Catholic Charities  
1506 Brookhollow, Suite 112  
Santa Ana, California 92705  
(714) 662-7500  
Fax: (714) 545-7163

USCC  
Refugee Resettlement Office  
516 Morgan Street  
Santa Rosa, California 95401  
(707) 578-6000  
Fax: (707) 578-3710

USCC  
Refugee Resettlement Office  
1106 North El Dorado Street  
Stockton, California 95202  
(209) 948-2557  
Fax: (209) 948-2559

World Relief  
Sacramento Resettlement Office  
4748 Engle Road  
Carmichael, California 95608  
(916) 978-2650  
Fax: (916) 978-2658

World Relief  
Fresno Resettlement Office  
845 West Weldon Avenue  
Fresno, California 93705  
(209) 233-5323  
Fax: (209) 233-5323

World Relief  
Garden Grove Resettlement Office  
7461 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite B  
Garden Grove, California 92641  
(714) 890-0665  
Fax: (714) 890-0366

World Relief  
Glendale SubOffice  
422 Wing Street, No. 1  
Glendale, California 9120-5  
(818) 243-7818  
Fax: (818) 243-7840

World Relief  
Modesto SubOffice  
824 Cadillac Drive  
Modesto, California 95351  
(209) 577-2779  
Fax: (209) 577-2779

World Relief  
San Francisco Resettlement Office  
1095 Market Street, Suite 719  
San Francisco, California 94103  
(415) 431-5194  
Fax: (415) 431-5198

World Relief  
San Jose SubOffice  
218 Kirk Avenue  
San Jose, California 95127  
(408) 729-3786  
Fax: (408) 729-3086

World Relief  
Stock SubOffice  
829 Rosemarie, Suite G  
Stockton, California 95207  
(209) 952-1414  
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### 5. AID CODES

Aid codes are used to classify and report specific benefits provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Aid codes for refugees are:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>BENEFITS</u>	<u>SHARE/COST</u>	<u>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</u>
01	FULL	NO	Refugee Cash Assistance (Federal Financial Participation (FFP)). Includes unaccompanied children. Covers all eligible refugees during their first eight months in the U.S. Unaccompanied children are not subject to the eight-month \ limitation provision.
0A	FULL	NO	Refugee Cash Assistance (FFP). Includes unaccompanied children. Covers all eligible refugees during their first eight months in the U.S. This population is the same as Aid Code 01 except they are exempt from CalWORKs grant reductions on behalf of the Assistance Payments Demonstration Project/California Work pays Demonstration Project.
02	FULL	YES/NO	Refugee Medical Assistance/Entrant Medical Assistance (FFP). Covers refugees and entrants who need Medi-Cal and who do not qualify for or want cash assistance.
08	FULL	NO	Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA)(FFP). Provides ECA benefits to Cuban/Haitian entrants, including unaccompanied children who are eligible, during their first eight months in the U.S. (For entrants, the month begins with their date of parole.) Unaccompanied children are not subject to the eight-month limitation provision.

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### 6. TRANSITIONAL REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Pursuant to Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 400, as amended on June 20, 2000, Refugees on RMA/EMA are entitled to RMA/EMA benefits until the end of their eight-month time eligibility period with no redetermination or change in benefits even if they lose RCA cash benefits because of increased earnings from employment or for any other reason. Therefore, there is no longer a separate Transitional Refugee Medical Assistance program.

For Refugee family assistance units in RCA, if the head of the family loses RCA benefits for any reason, place the family unit in RMA with no redetermination or change in benefits for the remaining time eligibility period. Each individual family member retains his or her own time eligibility period from date of entry.

For refugees in a matching grant program where a voluntary resettlement agency provides cash and medical benefits for up to four months with direct Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) funding, if the refugee is employed at the end of the four months, he/she now can automatically be placed on zero share of cost RMA until the end of the eight-month eligibility period. If a Refugee loses RCA from any program (matching grant, Fish-Wilson, or RCA from any agency) for any reason, that Refugee is entitled to RMA/EMA benefits for the remaining time eligibility period without a redetermination or change in coverage.

Refugees who are discontinued from either CalWORKs and are no longer eligible for Section 1931(b) Medi-Cal benefits, or refugees who were discontinued from Section 1931(b)-Only benefits may be eligible for up to two years of no cost Medi-Cal or four months of no cost Medi-Cal if they meet the eligibility requirements of either the Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) or Four Months Continuing program as described in Article 5B of these Procedures.

### 7. TIME ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

ORR sets forth the requirements for receipt of RCA and RMA. When this program first began in 1980 all refugees were entitled to 36 months of 100 percent of refugee resettlement funding for cash and medical assistance. Now, Congress has only appropriated 100 percent funding for eight months of eligibility. This funding is only available for refugees in RCA Aid Code 01, RMA Aid Code 02, and EMA Aid Code 08, which is for Cuban/Haitian Entrants. All other refugees in SSI, CalWORKs, and Medi-Cal are paid for through the normal 50/50 General Fund/Federal Fund Match.

Under federal and state regulation, eligibility for RMA or EMA programs shall be limited to the shorter of the following periods:

- a. The refugee's first eight months of U.S. residency, beginning with the month of entry, or the Entrant's (including Entrant children born in U.S. resettlement camps) first eight months of parole (release from INS custody).
- b. The time period for which the Department of Health Services (DHS) determines that sufficient federal funds are available under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) and Cuban and Haitian Entrant Program (CHEP).

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### 8. REDETERMINATION

When Refugees in aid codes 01, 0A, 02, and 08 have their eligibility for Medicaid benefits redetermined prior to the end of their eight-month RMA/EMA eligibility period, this redetermination must comply with the federal Medicaid regulations for redetermination. Federal regulations require Medi-Cal benefits be maintained until the beneficiary's eligibility for on-going benefits can be determined.

The county should conduct an examination of the file to see if there is any other eligibility for Medi-Cal. If there is not enough information in the file to make a determination, additional information can then be requested from the recipient. Refugees in aid codes 01, 0A, or 08 will be eligible for Edwards Medi-Cal benefits until the Medi-Cal redetermination is completed, even if the county uses a termination code that does not suppress Edwards. Refugees in RMA aid code 02 must be placed in another aid code while awaiting redetermination if it occurs after eight months of Refugee aid.

Refugees receiving SSI benefits receive full-scope Medi-Cal. If a refugee is discontinued from SSI, the appropriate procedures are:

- > Medi-Cal benefits be maintained at current level until a redetermination demonstrates the beneficiary is not eligible for Medi-Cal only benefits.
- > Complete required redetermination for beneficiaries losing categorical linkage to Medi-Cal.
- > Use information on SDX from SSA to transfer these individuals into the medically needy aid codes: 14, 24, or 64 with an Eligibility Status Code of "-6" on MEDS. The INQX screen will show an "N13" termination code and the INQM screen will display Medi-Cal termination date.
- > Send information notice at end of month of termination to notify beneficiaries that their Medi-Cal eligibility is now the responsibility of the State and not SSA.
- > Send renewal packet and cover letter based on individual's former SSI redetermination month on MEDS INQM screen.

### 9. NOTICE OF ACTION

When sending a Notice of Action (NOA) to a Refugee, the notice must distinguish clearly that it relates to RMA. Counties are to indicate on the NOA that assistance is granted, denied, or terminated, and the NOA must specify the program to make sure it is a Notice for RMA or Medi-Cal. If the recipient is determined ineligible for Medi-Cal, but eligible for RMA, the NOA must so state. Counties should follow requirements for NOA's per Title 22, CCR, Sections 50179 and 50179.5. This will meet the requirements of federal regulation 45 CFR 400.93 for RMA.

#### Suggested NOA Language:

1. The reason for this denial/discontinuance is that you are at the end of your eight-month eligibility period for RMA and you are not eligible for any other Medi-Cal program. Reference: 45 CFR Part 400.
2. The reason for this notice is that you are at the end of your eight-month eligibility period for RMA, and you have been evaluated for benefits under other Medi-Cal programs. Effective (DD/MM/YY), you are eligible/ineligible for Medi-Cal benefits because of \_\_\_\_\_. Reference: 45 CFR Part 400.

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### 10. TUBERCULOSIS (TB) PROGRAM

Refugees in Aid Codes 01 (RCA), 02 (RMA), and 08 (Entrants) are those refugees who are ineligible for regular assistance programs such as SSI, AFDC and Medi-Cal. When these individuals finish their eight-month time eligibility period for RMA or EMA, they usually go on to county General Assistance programs if they are still unemployed and have no health coverage. They are single adults or married adults with no children. These individuals would benefit from the new TB Medi-Cal program once their eight-month time eligibility period under RCA, RMA, or EMA has expired if they are infected with TB.

#### Eligibility Requirements for TB Program:

- a. Be infected with TB. This factor links a person to Medi-Cal.
- b. Not be a Medi-Cal beneficiary whose coverage is mandated by federal laws.
- c. Be a U.S. citizen or a person who has satisfactory immigration status.
- d. Have income and resources which do not exceed the maximum amount for a disabled individual under the SSI program. Income cannot exceed an amount referred to as the TB income standard. (See details under Article 5N, Part E of the MEPM.) Property can be no more than \$2,000 for an individual including a child. However, when two parents are present when determining a child's property eligibility, the parents are allowed \$3,000 as a deduction from their property before it is deemed to the TB child.
- e. Meet all other Medi-Cal requirements. This factor addresses non-linking Medi-Cal requirements such as cooperation, verification, status reporting, etc.
- f. Eligibility for the TB program shall begin the first month eligibility is approved. A person with TB may be eligible for up to three months of retroactive benefits.
- g. TB infected individuals under this program shall be eligible for outpatient TB-related services **only**.
- h. Individuals eligible under this program shall have no share of cost.

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### 11. MANAGED CARE

Legislation passed in 1991 and 1992 provided DHS with the authority for automatic enrollment of Medi-Cal beneficiaries into managed care, which in essence is to arrange and encourage access to health care through enrollment in organized, managed care plans of the type available to the general public. Managed care has been characterized as a planned, comprehensive approach to the provision of health care that combines clinical services and administrative procedures within an integrated, coordinated system that is carefully constructed to provide timely access to primary care and other necessary services in a cost-effective manner. This expansion of managed care into Medi-Cal is being done to improve access to quality medical care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and to control costs.

Under managed care, the covered aid groups will generally be CalWORKs, Section 1931 Medi-Cal with no share of cost, and medically indigent children. Optional aid groups are those Medi-Cal beneficiaries receiving SSI grants, and SSI-linked Medi-Cal medically needy with no share of cost. Foster care children will be included in managed care on a county-by-county basis.

Since refugees may fall into the above categories eligible for managed care, there will be refugees in the managed care program. These refugees will be entitled to cultural and interpreter services if the ethnic population of a specific culture is above 3,000 in a specific area. The Refugee Health Branch of DHS is working with the Managed Care Division to ensure that access to quality medical care will be available to refugees and to ensure that there is an informational link between the county refugee health coordinators and the managed care plans regarding every refugee's health care needs beginning with their initial health assessment to continuing and preventive health care under the managed care program.

The Mental Health Managed Care Program has been implemented. This new program will have a single Mental Health Plan for each county, which will administer the Mental Health needs for that county. The purpose of this program is to improve access and encourage better management of benefits in the interface between the physical and mental health providers. All Medi-Cal and RMA beneficiaries are eligible for specialty mental health services under this program (Please see Article 6 of MEPM for particulars).

### 12. SAVE

The immigration status of RMA or RCA applicants is verified via the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) System if they claim satisfactory immigration status. However, because of delays in INS' ability to input data into the system on newly arriving refugees, California has been granted a waiver for a period of 12 months from the date of entry of a refugee. Therefore, when verifying the immigration status of a refugee, only primary verification will be required at the time of application. Secondary verification will be delayed until the time of the first redetermination or 12 months.

This waiver applies only to the secondary SAVE verification requirement. All applicants must have proper identification to substantiate whether they are a citizen or alien in satisfactory immigration status to receive full-scope Medi-Cal benefits. The waiver applies only to refugees applying for CalWORKs and Medi-Cal benefits, who have just entered the country, and for whom it is unlikely the SAVE system will have information. The waiver does not apply if a refugee has been on RCA or RMA, or has been in the country for six or more months.

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### 13. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR REFUGEES

There is a federal vaccination requirement for all Refugees and Aliens who file for an adjustment of status or an immigrant visa application on or after September 30, 1996. This requirement requires them to show they have been vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases such as mumps, measles, rubella, polio, tetanus, diphtheria toxoids, pertussis, influenza Type B, hepatitis B, and any other vaccinations recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices. Their current recommendations also include the varicella, haemophilus influenzae Type B, and pneumococcal vaccines.

Refugees have to comply with this requirement only if they apply for an adjustment of status one year after their Date of Entry into the United States. Refugees generally need only a "vaccination sign-off" to fulfill this requirement.

When a Refugee obtains an Adjustment of Status to Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR), **DO NOT** remove the Refugee Tracking Indicator Code on MEDS. Refugees should remain identified as Refugees on MEDS because they are still eligible for five years of Refugee Benefits until they become citizens. Counties also receive Targeted Assistance and Refugee Employment Social Services funding based on the number of Refugees in their county. This is 100 percent federal funding.

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## 24D—REFUGEE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING CHART

REFUGEE	DOCUMENTS AND/OR DOCUMENT CODE	OLD CODE	Refugee Code	Alien\ Elig Code
Conditional Entrant -- INA Sec. 203(a)(7)	I-94 Arrival Departure Record	7	C	
Other Asylee -- INA Sec. 208 or Sec. 212(d)(5) w/notation Asylee; INS Entry Date is date asylum is granted	I-94 w/codes AS-1, AS-2, or AS-3; I-94 w/Visa 92 (or V-92); Order of an Immigration Judge Granting Asylum under Sec. 208 of INA; or Asylum Approval Letter from an INS Asylum Office; I-551 w/code AS6, AS7, AS8	7	L	
Kurdish or Iraqi Asylee -- INA Sec. 208 or 108(A) INS Entry Date is date asylum was granted on I-94.	I-94 or I-551 w/code AS6, AS7, AS8; Medical Doc. (Form 157); EAD card with QFI-Asylum granted or QT-II and QT-III -- Paroled in the Public Interest (274a.12(a)(5) or 274.12(c)(11).	7	Z	
Indochinese Refugee -- INA Sec. 207 or Sec. 212(d)(5) w/notation Refugee	I-94 Arrival Departure Record; I-551 w/code IC6, IC7	1	X	1*
Other Refugee - INA Sec. 207 or Sec. 212(d)(5) w/notation of Refugee; Not Indochinese.	I-94 Arrival Departure Record; I-551 w/code R86, RE6, RE7, RE8, RE9, Y64	7	R	1
Amerasian Refugee -- INA Sec. 207	I-94 w/code A11, A31, A32, A33, A12, AM1, AM2, AM3; AR1** or I-551 w/A16, A36, A37, A17, A38, AM6, AM7, AM8; AR6***; Vietnamese Exit Visa, Vietnamese Passport or U.S. Passport if stamped AM1, AM2, AM3	7	E	1
Cuban/Haitian Entrant	I-94 with Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending); or notices/letters of on-going deportation proceedings; or I-94 with Form I-589 filed; or I-94 with Parole or reference to Section 212(d)(5) or w/code CH6, CU6, CU7, LB6	8	8	
Citizen Child of Refugee	PARENTS I-94 or I-551 Document w/codes as shown above	5	5	

**FOOTNOTES:**

\*Federal SDX input only.

\*\*These codes reflect the Date of Arrival in United States.

\*\*\*These codes reflect the Adjustment Date of Entry.

(NOTE: Indochinese: Rrefugee who is Vietnamese, Hmong, Laotian, Mien, Cambodian or Burmese.)

(NOTE: If Date of Entry missing on I-94 or if presented with I-571, Refugee Travel Document, file G-845 with INS.)

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## 24D -- REFUGEE BENEFITS UNDER PRWORA AND BBA

REFUGEE BENEFITS UNDER PRWORA AND BBA				
REFUGEE	RCA/RMA	MEDI-CAL	SSI	TANF/ CALWORKS
<u>Refugees (INA* Sec. 207 or Sec. 212(d)(5) w/notation "Refugee":</u> Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996- Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996  Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996 and become blind or disabled Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996 and become aged	Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.  Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.	Eligible Eligible  Eligible Eligible	Eligible if on SSI** New Claims Eligible for 7 yrs from DOE  Eligible ** New Claims Eligible for 7 yrs from DOE	Eligible for 5 yrs*** Eligible for 5 yrs***  Exempt Exempt
<u>Asylees (INA Sec. 208 or 212(d)(5) w/notation "Asylee":</u> Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996- Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996  Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996 and become blind or disabled Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996 and become aged	Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.  Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.	Eligible Eligible  Eligible Eligible	Eligible if on SSI** New Claims Eligible 7 yrs. from Status Change Eligible** New Claims Eligible for 7 yrs from DOE	Eligible for 5 yrs*** Eligible for 5 yrs***  Exempt Exempt
<u>Cuban/Haitian Entrants ( Sec. 501(e),Refugee Education Assist.                      Act):</u> Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996- Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996  Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996 and become blind or disabled Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996 and become aged	Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.  Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.	Eligible Eligible  Eligible Eligible	Eligible if on SSI** New Claims Eligible for 7 yrs from DOE  Eligible ** New Claims Eligible for 7 yrs from DOE	Eligible for 5 yrs*** Eligible for 5 yrs***  Exempt Exempt
<u>Amerasian:</u> Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996- Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996  Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996 and become blind or disabled Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996 and become aged	Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.  Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.	Eligible Eligible  Eligible Eligible	Eligible if on SSI** New Claims Eligible for 7 yrs from DOE  Eligible** New Claims Eligible for 7 yrs from DOE	Eligible for 5 yrs*** Eligible for 5 yrs***  Exempt Exempt
<u>Conditional Entrant Aliens (INA Sec. 203(a)(7):</u> Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996- Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996  Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996 and become blind or disabled Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996 and become aged	Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.  Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.	Eligible Eligible  Eligible Eligible	Eligible if on SSI** New Claims Eligible for 7 years from DOE  Eligible** New Claims Eligible for 7 years from DOE	Eligible for 5 yrs*** Eligible for 5 yrs***  Exempt Exempt
<u>Refugee Citizen Children:</u> Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996- Present in U.S. after August 22, 1996 Present in U.S. on August 22, 1996 and become blind or disabled	Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos. Eligible for 8 mos.	Eligible Eligible Eligible	Eligible Eligible Eligible	Eligible until age 18 Eligible until age 18 Not Applicable

**Footnotes:**

\* Immigration and Nationality Act

\*\* No time limit. No change.

\*\*\*Aid is time limited -- a 5-year lifetime limit of TANF assistance, a limit of 24 consecutive months for current adult recipients and 18 consecutive months for new applicants after Jan 1, '98 (NOTE: CALIFORNIA WILL PROVIDE ALL LEGAL IMMIGRANTS FULL-SCOPE MEDI-CAL.)

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### 5. AGED ALIENS WHO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE

Aged aliens that are not eligible for Medicare Buy-In will no longer be coded with a "9" in the "Refugee/Alien Indicator" field on MEDS. Counties will code these aliens by their INA classification. Counties shall continue to follow California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 50777 regarding the requirement to apply for Medicare. MEDS will track the five-year residency requirement for Medicare and Buy-In eligibility by "looking" at the alien's Date of Entry and Date of Birth. A Date of Entry, Date of Birth, and Refugee/Alien Indicator Code must be reported to MEDS in order for MEDS to correctly track Medicare Buy-In eligibility.

### 6. OTHER QUALIFIED AND NOT QUALIFIED ALIENS NOT REFUGEES

REFUGEE/ALIEN Indicator value 0 will no longer be used. Please refer to the table on page 24E-6 for information about the new Refugee/Alien Indicator Codes. Aliens will have a code of K, D, W, Y, S and V with a secondary code, in some cases, of 4, 5, 6, or 9. For statistical data extraction and determination of benefits (including FFP availability), counties must enter the new code, the Alien Registration Number, and the INS Entry Date.

### 7. INS ENTRY DATE

The INS Entry Date must be entered for every Refugee. The information on the I-94 or I-551 should be sufficient for coding with the Refugee/Alien Indicator. The INS Date of Entry for Refugees is the date they entered the U.S. and is the date shown on SAVE. The Date of Entry for Asylees is the date asylum is granted. (Refer to Page 24B-1 for specific documentation requirements.)

### 8. ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER

The Alien Registration Number must be entered for ALL Refugees.

### 9. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Counties should enter the COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN for all Refugees and Aliens. This information is used to generate statistical reports and health trend data

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### 10. REFUGEE CHILDREN

Children who are born in the United States of Refugee parents are citizens, but they are considered refugees by the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement for both time-eligibility and for statistical purposes in determining federal funding allocations for Refugee Employment Services and Targeted Assistance which benefit refugee-impacted counties as identified by the Department of Social Services. Refugee Citizen Children are considered Refugees until they reach the age of 21 or until the date their parents become citizens. If one of the parents living in the home is a citizen, the citizen child is not to be considered a Refugee. The Country of Origin for these Citizen Children would be the same as parents.

Counties must report all Refugee Citizen Children with a Refugee Code of 5 (five). The INS Entry Date for the children in Aid Codes 0A, 01, 02, or 08 is the same as the parents, but if one parent arrived later than the other, the child is to be given the INS Entry Date of the later parent and the same eligibility period. For all other Refugee Citizen Children in AFDC, Medi-Cal, or SSI aid codes, the INS Entry Date is no longer optional. This Entry Date is mandatory for the Final Allocation of Targeted Assistance. When it is reported, use the INS Entry Date as above.

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		NEW CODES	
ALIEN CLASSIFICATION	OLD Codes	Refugee/Alien Indicator	Alien Eligibility Code
<b>Battered/Subjected to extreme cruelty</b> (that meet the conditions necessary to be considered a Qualified Alien)		K,C,S,U,V,W,Y	9*
<b>Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) <u>not</u></b> active duty/veteran or spouse/child	0 or 9	K	
<b>LPR Active Duty/Veteran or spouse/dependent child</b>	0 or 9	K	Active duty/veteran 4 Spouse 5 Child 6
<b>Deportation Withheld</b> admitted under INA Sec. 243(h) or 241(b)(3)	0 or 9	D	
<b>Conditional Entrant</b> admitted under INA Sec. 203(a)(7)	7	C	
<b>Other Asylee</b> admitted under INA Sec. 208 <b>Date of entry is date asylum is granted</b>	7	L	
<b>Kurdish/Iraqi Asylee</b> admitted under INA Sec. 208 <b>Date of entry is date asylum is granted</b>	7	Z	
<b>Indochinese Refugee</b> admitted under INA Sec. 207 and <u>not</u> Amerasian.	1	X	
<b>Other Refugee</b> admitted under INA Sec. 207 and <u>not</u> Indochinese Refugee or Amerasian Refugee	7	R	
<b>Amerasian Refugee</b> admitted under INA Sec. 207	7	E	
<b>Cuban/Haitian Entrant</b>	8	8	
<b>Citizen Child of Refugee</b>	5	5	
<b>Parolee</b> admitted under INA Sec. 212(d)(5) w/period of parole <b>over</b> one year	7	W	
<b>Parolee</b> admitted under INA Sec. 212(d)(5) w/period of parole <b>less than</b> one year	7	Y	
<b>Other Documented Full Scope Aliens ***</b>	0 or 9	S	
<b>Undocumented PRUCOL Aliens (Full Scope)</b>	0 or 9	T	
<b>Visitor/Student/VISA and other Aliens with Temporary Documentation (Emergency and Pregnancy-Related Services Only)</b>	0 or 9	V	
<b>Undocumented Aliens (Emergency and Pregnancy-Related Services Only)</b>	0 or 9	U	

\*An entry of 9 should not be reported if the alien can be coded with a 4, 5 or 6 or 8 in the alien eligibility code field.

\*\*\*Other aliens, defined for identification and tracking purposes only, include aliens verified by INS through G-845 process as:

Voluntary Departure (INA 242(b))  
Stay of Deportation (INA 106)  
Suspension of Deportation (INA 244)  
Lawful Temporary Resident  
Extended Voluntary Departure

Indefinite Stay of Deportation  
Application for Adjustment Status  
Indefinite Voluntary Departure  
Registry Alien (INA 249)

Deferred Action Status  
Order of Supervision (INA 242)  
Immediate Relative Petition  
In U.S. w/Permission of INS



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### APPENDIX II - DATA ELEMENT DICTIONARY

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MEDS NETWORK NAME: INS-ENTRY-MMY  
NARRATIVE NAME: INS-ENTRY-DATE  
AKA NAMES: Alien Date of Entry, Alien Date of Residence  
SOURCE: County, SDX, Buy-in Unit LENGTH: 4

#### DEFINITION:

This field identifies the reported date of entry into the United States or the month and year of residence in the United States. This field may be provided by counties, the Buy-In Unit, or by the SDX file when the SDX file identifies a recipient as an alien and there is either an alien date of residence or a date of application present on the SDX file. This information is used for Refugees and other Qualified and Not Qualified Aliens for tracking and identification, and for Buy-In for Medicare.

#### VALUES:

Date in the format MMY where MM is month and YY is year.

#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

An INS date of entry must be reported when the county reports a Refugee/Alien Indicator of C, D, E, K, L, R, S, V, W, X, Y, Z, or 8. Additionally, the 1, 7, or 9, if reported, must have an INS entry date. The value 5 will require a date of entry for citizen children born to a refugee when they are in the refugee aid codes. (See MEM, Article 24).

The INS Entry Date must be entered for every Refugee and Alien. The information on the 1-94 or 1-551 should be sufficient for coding with the Refugee/Alien Indicator. The INS Entry Date for Refugees is the date they entered the U.S. The INS Entry Date for Asylees is the date Asylum is granted. For Other Qualified and Not Qualified Aliens, please follow the instructions in Article 7 of MEM Procedures.

If the SDX file identifies a recipient as an alien (see Refugee/Alien Indicator) and there is an alien date of residence present on the SDX file, this field will contain that date. Note: If the SDX alien date of residence was input prior to 10/80, the SDX month would have defaulted to January 1980. If the SDX alien date of residence is prior to April 1975, MEDS post a 4/75 date in this field. If the SDX file identifies a recipient as an alien and there is no alien date of residence present on the SDX file, MEDS will post the SDX date of application (which is the most recent SDX application date) in this field.

If the Refugee or Alien information is reported erroneously for a recipient, the INS Entry Date is removed by MEDS when the County requests deletion of the Refugee/Alien Indicator.

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