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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CATEGORY CODES AND
SCOPE OF MEDI-CAL BENEFITS

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Informational Letter (MEDIL) is to provide additional information on common Employment Authorization Document (EAD) categories and the associated Medi-Cal benefits for each category.

BACKGROUND

An EAD is a document issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that authorizes a noncitizen to work in the United States. An EAD is issued for a specific period of time based on an individual's immigration status.

IMMIGRANT CATEGORY CODE

The category code included on the EAD indicates the individual's immigration status. The table below includes common EAD codes and the associated scope of Medi-Cal benefits. Please note this is not an exhaustive list of EAD codes and the applicant must meet all other Medi-Cal eligibility requirements to be eligible for any Medi-Cal benefits. Consistent with current policy, counties must verify immigration status through the Federal Data Services Hub (FDSH) or through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system for immigrants whose EAD indicates they are eligible for full scope Medi-Cal. In these cases, conditional full scope Medi-Cal must be granted during the immigration status verification process if the individual is otherwise eligible.

COMMON EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT (EAD) CATEGORY CODES AND SCOPE OF MEDI-CAL BENEFITS		
EAD Code	Immigration Status	Eligible for (Full/Restricted Scope if all other requirements are met)
A2	Lawful Temporary Resident	Restricted Scope
A3	Refugee	Full Scope
A4	Refugee/Paroled into the U.S.	Full Scope
A5	Asylee	Full Scope
A6	Nonimmigrant Fiancé(e) of US Citizen (K-1 visa) or minor child of fiancé(e) (K-2 visa)	Restricted Scope
A7	Nonimmigrant parent or minor child of a person granted Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status as a special immigrant under INA § 101(a)(27)(I)	Restricted Scope
A8	Citizen of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau	Restricted Scope
A10	Granted Withholding of Deportation or Withholding or Removal/Granted Withholding of Deportation/Removal under the Convention Against Torture/"Qualified" Domestic Violence Survivor	Full Scope
A11	Granted Deferred Enforcement Departure (DED)	Full Scope
A12	Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS)	Restricted Scope
A13	Family Unity	Restricted Scope
A14	Granted Family Unity under the LIFE Act	Restricted Scope
A15	Foreign national Spouse of LPR (V-1 visa), LPR's minor child (V-2 visa), or spouses minor child (V-3 visa)	Restricted Scope

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EAD Code	Immigration Status	Eligible for (Full/Restricted Scope if all other requirements are met)
A16	Victim of Trafficking	Full Scope if Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP) eligible (See ACWDL 15-25), or if they meet the requirements for Qualified Immigrant status or PRUCOL. Otherwise restricted scope.
A19	Victim of Crime Admitted with U-visa	Full Scope if TCVAP eligible. Otherwise restricted scope. See ACWDL 15-25.
A20	Derivative relatives of U visa holder)	Full Scope if TCVAP eligible. Otherwise restricted scope. See ACWDL 15-25.
B6	Foreign students in on-campus employment	Restricted Scope
B9	Temporary worker or trainee (H-1, H-2A, H-2B or H-3 visa)	Restricted Scope
B11	Exchange visitor (J-1 visa)	Restricted Scope
B16	Religious worker (R visa)	Restricted Scope
C1	Dependent of foreign government official (A-1 or A-2 visa)	Restricted Scope
C2	Spouse or minor child of an employee of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (E-1 visa)	Restricted Scope

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C3	Foreign students (F-1 visa)	Restricted Scope
C4	Dependent of employee of international organization (G-1, G-3, and G-4 visa)	Restricted Scope
C5	Dependent of exchange visitor (J-2 visa)	Restricted Scope
C6	Foreign Student (M-1 visa)	Restricted Scope
C7	Dependent of NATO employee	Restricted Scope
C9	Applicant for Adjustment to LPR Status/Qualified Domestic Violence Survivor	Full Scope if Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program eligible (See ACWDL 15-25), or if they meet the requirements for Qualified Immigrant status or PRUCOL. Otherwise restricted scope.
C11	Public Interest Parolee	Full Scope (PRUCOL or Qualified Immigrant depending on basis for parole)
C14	Granted Deferred Action	Full Scope
C16	Registry Applicant, with employment authorization (Note—This immigrant has applied for LPR status.	Full Scope
C17	Certain personal or domestic servants/employee of foreign airline (B-1 visa)	Restricted Scope
C18	Order of Supervision, with employment authorization	Full Scope

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C19	Applicant for TPS with employment authorization	Restricted Scope
C20	Applicant for Legalization under Immigration Reform and Control Act or the Legal Immigration Family Equity Act	Restricted Scope
C24	LIFE Legalization Applicant	Restricted Scope
C25	Derivative Beneficiary of Trafficking Survivor	Full Scope (Qualified Immigrant (Federally recognized Trafficking Victim with T Visa)
C31	Qualified Domestic Violence Survivor	Full Scope if TCVAP eligible (See ACWDL 15-25), or if they meet the requirements for Qualified Immigrant status or PRUCOL. Otherwise restricted scope.
C33	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA/Dream Act)	Full Scope

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