

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 09-13

ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES

ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: Extension of the Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) Program Sunset Date

(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter Numbers: 88-51, 90-06, 90-32, 90-37, 90-66, 91-57, 92-59, 94-47, 95-85, 96-19, 96-50, 98-24, 98-54, 98-56, 99-05, 99-44, 99-55, 00-01, 00-32, 00-33, 00-53, 01-02, 01-12, 01-25, 01-36, 01-45, 02-02, 02-31, 03-30, 03-45, 03-55, 04-28, 08-21, 08-

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This letter is to notify counties that on February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law and extended the Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) program to December 31, 2010.

TMA, known as TMC in California, provides up to twelve months of Medi-Cal eligibility to beneficiaries discontinued from the Section 1931(b) Medi-Cal program due to employment related reasons such as increased hours and/or earnings. TMC has been scheduled to sunset on various occasions in the past, but Congress has granted a number of temporary extensions.

Because the TMC program has been extended many times, counties are to continue to determine eligibility for the TMC program until the Department of Health Care Services notifies counties that the TMC program has been discontinued.

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