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

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NEW ALIEN INDICATOR CODE "T"

Ref.: Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System Change Cycle Letters 212I and 213P, and All County Welfare Directors Letters (ACWDLs) Nos. 97-42, 97-51, and 98-55

The purpose of this ACWDL is to provide counties with instructions for using the new refugee/alien indicator Code "T". This new code was described in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) Change Cycle Letters 212I and 213P. The new alien indicator Code "T" is for aliens receiving full-scope Medi-Cal benefits under the last Permanently Residing in the United States Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) category. For example, undocumented Medi-Cal applicants can claim this status by checking the last box in response to question five on the MC 13 Statement of Citizenship, Alienage, and Immigration Status. Specifically, this PRUCOL category is for "an alien not in one of the above categories, who can show that: (1) Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) knows he/she is in the United States; and (2) INS does not intend to deport him/her, either because of the person's status category or individual circumstances."

The new code is necessary because this PRUCOL category includes full-scope eligible undocumented aliens. The purpose of the new Code "T" is to ensure that no aliens with a "U" alien indicator code are receiving full-scope Medi-Cal. At a future date, the Department of Health Services will add MEDS changes to prevent counties from using the "U" alien indicator code for full-scope eligible undocumented aliens. Therefore, in accordance with previous refugee/alien tracking instructions, counties must immediately update any case records which erroneously show a "U" alien indicator code for a full-scope eligible alien.

Previous alien tracking instructions (ACWDLs Nos. 97-42, 97-51, and 98-55) required counties to use the "S" alien indicator code for "Other Aliens" who were not temporary visa holders, including persons receiving full-scope Medi-Cal under the last PRUCOL category. Counties must review all cases with an "S" alien indicator code and update the code to a "T" if the beneficiary is a full-scope eligible undocumented PRUCOL alien. Undocumented aliens eligible for state-only funded long-term care because they were denied PRUCOL by the INS should be coded with a "U".

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Counties are requested to complete this process within 12 months of the date of this letter. Therefore, it is recommended that counties complete the review of cases with an "S" in the refugee/alien indicator field as part of the annual redetermination process.

A revised Qualified/Not Qualified/Refugee Alien Tracking Table is enclosed. The table has been updated with the following changes:

- The separate alien classification for Amerasian lawful permanent residents and references to the Alien Eligibility Code "8" (most of which were removed using strike-out text in ACWDL No. 98-55) are eliminated.
- The Alien Classification description for aliens coded with an "S" has been revised to clarify that this code includes "other documented full scope aliens".
- The reference to aliens "in United States w/ permission of INS" has been removed from the footnote listing the categories of persons coded with an "S" in the refugee/alien indicator field.
- A new refugee/alien indicator of "T" has been added for undocumented PRUCOL aliens eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal.
- The Alien Classification descriptions for restricted scope eligible aliens (Refugee/Alien Indicator "V" or "U") have been expanded to specify that these persons are eligible for emergency and pregnancy-related services only).

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. John Zapata of my staff at (916) 657-0725.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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Enclosure

QUALIFIED / NOT QUALIFIED/ REFUGEE ALIEN TRACKING

ENCLOSURE

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

an entry of 9 should not be reported if the alien can be coded with a 4, 5, 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 section 242(b),
Order of Supervision (INA section 242)
Registry Alien (INA section 249),

Indefinite Stay of Deportation,
Suspension of Deportation (INA section 244),

Deferred Action Status,
Indefinite Voluntary Departure,
Extended Voluntary Departure,

Stay of Deportation (INA 106),
Immediate Relative Petition,

Application for Adjustment Status,
Lawful Temporary resident.