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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 04-17
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: REFUGEE/ALIEN INDICATOR CODE – CITIZEN CODE

The purpose of this letter is to request that county welfare departments change the non-citizen refugee indicator code whenever a refugee client becomes a United States citizen.

Upon proper verification of U.S. citizenship status, please change the refugee indicator code to A – **proven U.S. citizen**. This will ensure a more accurate count of refugees on aid who are eligible for refugee-funded services. However, changing the indicator code will not remove the refugee from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System refugee database, which contains the overall statewide number of refugees who have received aid since 1980.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Elena Lara, in the Department of Health Services Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch, at (916) 552-9513.

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