

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



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 08-22

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 PROGRAM SUNSET

DATE TO JUNE 30, 2008 (REFERENCE: ACWDL 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)

This letter is to notify counties that on December 19, 2007, Congress passed S. 2499 that extends the Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) sunset date to June 30, 2008.

The TMC program provides an additional six to twelve months of Medi-Cal eligibility to beneficiaries discontinued from Section 1931(b) due to employment related reasons. The earned income must be from the actual wages and/or hours of actual employment of the caretaker relative and/or principal wage earner. The TMC program 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

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(DHCS) notifies them that the TMC program has been discontinued. If TMC is discontinued, DHCS will notify the county of the termination date.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Rose Pankratz at (916) 552-9462.

Original Signed By:

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