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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER NO: 08-35
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS SPECIALIST/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITIONAL MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SUNSET
DATE TO JUNE 30, 2009
(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, 08-22,)

This is to notify counties that on July 15, 2008, the House and the Senate overrode a White House veto of the "Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008" (H.R. 6331), thereby extending the Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) through June 2009.

BACKGROUND

The TMC program in California provides an additional six to twelve months of Medi-Cal eligibility to beneficiaries discontinued from the Section 1931(b) program 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.

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COUNTY ACTION

The TMC program has had many extensions. Because of this, counties are to continue to determine eligibility for the TMC program until the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) notifies them of the discontinuance of the TMC program. If TMC is discontinued, DHCS will notify counties of the termination date.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Coleen Keelan by email at Coleen.Keelan@dhcs.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 445-4062.

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