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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 09-40
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR
ENTITLEMENTS (SAVE) FOR IMMIGRANTS WHO CLAIM THE LAST
PERMANENTLY RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER COLOR
OF LAW (PRUCOL) STATUS CATEGORY 16 ON THE MC 13 FORM

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that it is no longer necessary to verify the immigration status of immigrants who claim to be in the last PRUCOL category on the MC 13. This letter does not alter immigrant eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal. The 16th category on the MC 13 is for a noncitizen who claims that he or she is:

“Not in any of the above categories, who can show that: (1) 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.”

Effective immediately, counties are no longer required to verify the immigration status of immigrants who claim the last PRUCOL category on the MC 13. Counties must continue to follow the same process and procedures for any applicant who is claiming any of the other 15 PRUCOL categories; this letter is only addressing the last PRUCOL category. Applicants who claim the last PRUCOL category on the MC 13 are no longer

required to complete the G-845 or the MC 845 form. In addition, effective immediately, it is no longer necessary to verify PRUCOL status at annual redetermination for beneficiaries who claimed the last PRUCOL category on the MC 13.

Counties are required to grant full-scope Medi-Cal if an immigrant claims the last PRUCOL category on the MC 13 (and is otherwise eligible) without performing SAVE verification or collecting any documentation relating to immigration status. With all other PRUCOL status categories, counties must continue with the current process of granting full-scope eligibility based on a claim of satisfactory immigration status if otherwise eligible, requesting the appropriate documentation of immigration status and using SAVE to verify status when the status is claimed at application and again at each annual redetermination.

If the county is aware of a documented applicant who is claiming the last PRUCOL category on the MC 13, the county must contact the Medi-Cal Eligibility Division analyst responsible for SAVE. The Medi-Cal Eligibility Division will review these cases to ensure that documented individuals are receiving the appropriate level of benefits based on their known immigration status or other relevant factors such as whether they are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or other serious crimes.

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