

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



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 12-09

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 (TMC) Program Sunset Date

(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter 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, 08-21, 08-35, 09-13,

11-03)

This letter is to notify counties that on February 22, 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (H.R. 3630) was signed into law, which extends the Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) to December 31, 2012.

TMA, known as TMC in California, provides up to 12 months of Medi-Cal eligibility to beneficiaries discontinued from the Section 1931(b) Medi-Cal program due to employment-related reasons, such as increased hours and/or earnings. TMA has been scheduled to sunset on various occasions in past years, but Congress has granted temporary extensions.

Because the extension of TMC has occurred many times, counties have been advised to continue to determine eligibility for TMC until the Department of Health Care Services notifies counties that TMC has been discontinued.

If you have questions regarding TMC, please contact Karen Hajek at (916) 324-0186 or by email at karen.hajek@dhcs.ca.gov.

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