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To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 82-22

REFUGEE/ENTRANT DATE OF ENTRY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Reference: Department of Health Services All County Welfare Directors
Letter No. 81-41 of September 8, 1981
Department of Social Services All County Letter No. 82-24 of
March 19, 1982

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties of a change in refugee/entrant date of entry reporting requirements.

Background

Until April 1, 1982, the Refugee Resettlement program and the Cuban/Haitian Entrant program provided for up to 36 months of federally funded cash and medical assistance. Recently implemented federal regulations now limit eligibility for Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA) to an individual's first 18 months in the United States, but allow for a full 36 months of federally funded medical assistance.

Previously, Department of Health Services (DHS) did not require counties to report dates of entry for RCA/ECA recipients. Since these individuals were in unique Medi-Cal aid code categories, DHS could directly identify the medical assistance costs of this population. This policy must be changed now that the period of reimbursement is no longer uniform between RCA/ECA and Medi-Cal.

RCA/ECA Recipient Reporting Requirements

Detailed information on Refugee/Entrant reporting requirements was provided in All County Welfare Director's Letter No. 81-41. In addition to these instructions, counties now are to:

1. Report dates of entry for all RCA/ECA recipients who are discontinued from cash assistance at the end of their 18 month time eligibility period.
2. Report dates of entry for all new RCA/ECA applicants.

If you have any questions please contact your Medi-Cal program consultants.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: September 30, 1982