

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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December 9, 1988

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 88-100

SUBJECT: NEW AMERASIAN ARRIVALS

New legislation (Section 584 - Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, incorporated as part of the Fiscal Year 1988 Continuing Resolution, Public Law 100-202) provides for certain Amerasians in Vietnam, and their close family members, to be admitted through the Orderly Departure Program beginning on March 20, 1988, under immigrant status. However, the same legislation also makes this group eligible for Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) funded financial assistance, medical assistance, and social services because they are refugees.

Therefore, please be advised that counties should follow current Medi-Cal refugee guidelines when processing Amerasian applications for medical services, including those outlined in All County Welfare Director's Letter 88-33, which limits duration of the Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) program to 12 months. Amerasians terminated from RMA must be evaluated for Medi-Cal eligibility under the programs listed in Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50201.

Please ensure these refugee guidelines are followed when processing Amerasian Medi-Cal applications. If you have further questions, you may contact John Richmond of my staff at (916) 323-6454.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: December 9, 1989