

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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July 15, 1988

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 88- 47

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ISSUED TO IRCA ALIENS

Reference: ACWDL 84-2, 87-55, 87-56

This letter explains how Social Security numbers (SSNs) are issued to amnesty aliens, including Special Agricultural Workers (SAWs) and Replenishment Agricultural Workers (RAWs), applying for lawful temporary or permanent resident status under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA). Refer to ACWDL's 87-55 and 87-56 for background information on IRCA aliens.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ISSUANCE

When applying for amnesty, aliens who report no SSN to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), complete a Form SS5, Request for Social Security Number. The INS provides the SS5 to the Social Security Administration (SSA) which assigns a SSN, then issues it to the alien via a letter (Attachment 1) rather than on a Social Security card (SSN card). Please note that although the heading of the letter indicates an INS address, the letter and SSN are generated by the SSA.

For sight verification purposes, a SSA letter can be accepted in lieu of a SSN card. However, the SSA letter has no expiration date; nor does it indicate that it should be presented in conjunction with INS documents. Therefore, to minimize fraud, a valid INS form I-688A (Work Authorization Card), must be presented with this letter. When lawful temporary resident (LTR) status is granted, the alien should receive an I-688, (Temporary Resident Card), and a SSN card issued by SSA, but provided by the INS.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - GENERAL

Aliens with no SSA letter or SSN card should be referred to SSA to apply for a number or to obtain a duplicate SSN if they have been assigned one. Aliens with more than one SSN should declare which number they plan to use for the permanent Medi-Cal record. (However, for Income Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) purposes, input all known SSN's.) See ACWDL 84-2 for instructions on the SSA referral process.

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If you have questions, call Sandra Bierer at (916) 324-4971, Tom Dickson at (916) 324-4961, or Renee Toirac at (916) 323-6954.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Attachment

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: June 15, 1989

LEGALIZATION OFFICER
U.S. IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE
3041 65TH STREET
SACRAMENTO CA 95820

NAME
ADDRESS

DATE: 11-04-87

SSN: 603-01- [REDACTED]

INS: A9008 [REDACTED]

As part of your application for legalization under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you also applied for a Social Security number (SSN). The number assigned to you is shown above.

If you are granted temporary lawful resident status, you will be notified by separate correspondence to pick up both your temporary resident card and your Social Security card at your Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Legalization Office. In the meantime, you may use the number shown above whenever you are asked for your Social Security number.