

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Letter No.: 89 - 65

SUBJECT: PUBLIC CHARGE

This letter is to inform you that the receipt of Medi-Cal benefits by amnesty aliens and special agricultural workers (SAWs) will not make such aliens a public charge. As you may know, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has adopted such policy. It is specifically stated in federal regulations (8 CFR Section 210.1(1)). Therefore, you may give applicants who declare they are amnesty aliens or SAWs the following message:

"Receipt of Medi-Cal benefits by amnesty aliens and special agricultural workers (SAWs) will not make them a public charge according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This means that amnesty aliens and SAWs may receive Medi-Cal and not jeopardize their legalization by doing so. If you have any questions, please contact your local legal aid office or center for immigrant rights."

If we may be of further assistance, please call an analyst assigned to alienage policy.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons  
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

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