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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Health Executives
All County Mental Health Directors

Letter No.: 01-21

FINAL REQUEST FOR COMPLETION OF ALIEN ELIGIBILITY INDICATOR CODE UPDATE

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) Nos. 97-42, 97-51, 99-19, and 00-09

ACWDLs 97-42, 97-51, 99-19, and 00-09 required counties to update the refugee/alien indicator codes in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System in order to properly track which aliens are eligible for federal financial participation pursuant to the requirements of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The Department of Health Services (Department) has determined that there are a significant number of active Medi-Cal cases for which the refugee/alien indicator code has not been updated as required.

The purpose of this ACWDL is to provide counties with a list of the active cases we have identified for which the refugee/alien indicator code has not been updated, and to request that all active cases with obsolete refugee/alien indicator codes be updated by county welfare departments no later than April 15, 2001.

Enclosed with this ACWDL is a sample printout showing the data fields that will be provided to the counties for each identified case requiring an updated alien indicator code. For each identified beneficiary, the printout will include County ID number, Social Security number, Birth date, Case Name, Beneficiary Name, Alien Indicator, and Alien Number (when available). Each page also includes County, District, and Eligibility Worker number in the upper right corner.

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A hard copy of the list of active cases with obsolete refugee/alien indicator codes will be forwarded to the Medi-Cal Policy Liaison in each county for appropriate action. The list provided to each county will be grouped by district office, and within each district, by eligibility worker.

Until all active cases are updated, the Department must retroactively track Medi-Cal expenditures for miscoded cases to ensure proper claiming of federal Medicaid funds. The Department is preparing for its final retroactive tracking process to properly claim federal Medicaid funds. This final retroactive process must occur prior to renewal at the end of April. Therefore, all active cases with obsolete alien indicator codes must be updated no later than April 15, 2001. Counties must also ensure that proper procedures are in place to update the tracking code for any inactive case that becomes active again.

The Department has not yet determined what steps will be necessary regarding active cases with obsolete alien indicator codes after the April 15, 2001 cutoff for updating those cases. Any county who believes they will be unable to update all active cases with obsolete alien indicator codes and any county who cannot ensure that inactive cases will be updated before becoming active again should contact John Zapata in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch as soon as possible.

If you will not be able to meet the April 15, 2001 deadline or if you need further assistance regarding this matter, please call Mr. Zapata of my staff at (916) 657-0725.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

SHAR SCHROEPFER, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
OBSOLETE ALIEN INDICATOR CODES

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CNTY: 01
DIST: 001
EW: W630

>---COUNTY ID---<	SSN	BIRTHDATE	>---CASE NAME---<	>-----BENEFICIARY NAME-----<	ALIEN IND	ALIEN NUM
01-30-XXXXXXX-X-04	222-22-2222	10/15/1981	DALMATION ,FARM	SCRAMP	DALMATION	1
01-30-XXXXXXX-1-01	999-99-9999	03/17/1957	DALMATION ,FARM	WIZZ	DALMATION	1
01-30-0000000-1-05	000-00-0000	11/16/1982	DALMATION ,FARM	SPOT	DALMATION	1
EW TOTAL =						3