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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 06-15
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE/ENTRANT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
Reference: Article 24, Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual

The purpose of this letter is to clarify that there is no requirement for a refugee who is applying for Refugee Medical Assistance/Entrant Medical Assistance (RMA/EMA) to obtain, provide, or disclose a Social Security Number.

Under the Privacy Act of 1974 and the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) State Letter 00-23, refugees applying for RMA/EMA benefits are not required to provide a Social Security Number. RMA/EMA applicants or beneficiaries may not be denied, delayed, or discontinued from receiving RMA/EMA because of failure to provide a Social Security Number.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Elena Lara at (916) 552-9513.

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