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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 06-33
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: CONTINUED MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY FOR EVACUEES OF
HURRICANE KATRINA

This letter is to advise counties that in accordance with ACWDL 06-03, (Medi-Cal Eligibility 1115 Waiver for Evacuees of Hurricane Katrina), counties must complete a redetermination of the Aid Code 65 cases (Katrina evacuees) as soon as possible. ACWDL 06-03 gave full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to Katrina evacuees who met the eligibility requirements for full-scope Medi-Cal. Eligibility under Aid Code 65 was limited to the five-month period defined in ACWDL 06-03. The final date of any waiver eligibility was May 31, 2006.

Counties must immediately review all cases still in Aid Code 65 and assign them to the appropriate Medi-Cal aid code, if eligible, retroactive to the month following the end of the five-month period of eligibility, and issue necessary notices of action. The California Department of Health Services will be monitoring county compliance with this request.

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Counties should also be aware that this review does not constitute the annual redetermination process. This review is necessary because the Katrina waiver is over and counties must determine if these beneficiaries are still eligible for Medi-Cal under a permanent eligibility category.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Marlene King, Policy Analyst, at (916) 552-9512.

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