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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: Extension of the Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) Program Sunset Date

(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter Numbers 88-51, 90-06, 90-32, 90-37, 90-66, 91-57, 92-59, 94-47, 95-85, 96-19, 96-50, 98-24, 98-54, 98-56, 99-05, 99-44, 99-55, 00-01, 00-32, 00-33, 00-53, 01-02, 01-12, 01-25, 01-36, 01-45, 02-02, 02-31, 03-30, 03-45, 03-55, 04-28, 08-21, 08-35, 09-13)

This letter is to notify counties that on December 15, 2010, the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 (H.R.4994) was signed into law by President Barack Obama. H.R. 4994, Section 111 extends the Transitional Medical Assistance program (TMA) to December 31, 2011.

TMA, known as TMC in California, provides up to twelve months of Medi-Cal eligibility to beneficiaries discontinued from the Section 1931(b) Medi-Cal program due to employment related reasons such as increased hours or earnings. TMA has been scheduled to sunset on various occasions in past years, but Congress has subsequently granted temporary extensions. Because the extension of TMC has occurred many times, counties are advised to continue to determine eligibility for TMC until the Department of Health Care Services notifies counties that TMC has been discontinued.

If you have questions regarding TMC, please contact Rose Pankratz at (916) 650-0140 or by email at rose.pankratz@dhcs.ca.gov.

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