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To: All County Welfare Directors   Letter No. 81-16

CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties of actions required in reporting Cuban/Haitian Entrants to the Department's Refugee Tracking System. This letter provides:

1. Background information on this population.

2. Guidelines on identifying Cuban/Haitian Entrants.

3. Instructions on reporting these persons to the Department's Refugee Tracking System.

PLEASE NOTE: Counties are required to comply with reporting instructions by May 15, 1981.

Background

Large numbers of Cubans entered the U.S. beginning in April, 1980. A small number of Haitians have been entering this country also. Initially, these persons were not eligible for any public assistance programs except food stamps. In July, 1980, the Federal Government established a special immigration category of "Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)". Persons in this category were defined as meeting federal/state program alienage requirements and therefore, potentially were eligible for AFDC or Medi-Cal Only. While no special federal funding was available to cover the cash and medical assistance costs of these persons, the July 10, 1980 telegram sent jointly by Department of Health Services and Department of Social Services instructed counties to maintain records which would allow Cuban/Haitian Entrant cases to be identified and reported.

P.L. 96-422, enacted October 10, 1980, did provide the federal funding. It set up an Entrant Assistance Program modeled after the Refugee Resettlement Program and provided funds to cover the costs of assistance provided to Cuban and Haitian Entrants at any time after their arrival in the U.S. Since federal funding is now available, counties are to report Entrants who received AFDC or Medi-Cal Only at any time from July, 1980 to the current month.

Identification of Cuban/Haitian Entrants

Cuban/Haitian Entrants must possess INS Arrival Departure Record Form I-94 indicating "Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) Reviewable January 15, or July 15, 1981". Cubans must have been admitted to the U.S. between April 21, 1980 and October 10, 1980; Haitians may have any entry date.

Exclusions

1. Cuban or Haitian admitted to the U.S. as an immigrant, refugee or asylee.

2. Alien who does not possess required INS documentation.

3. Cuban or Haitian whose I-94 is stamped "Exclusionary Hearing" or "Asylum Applicant". (Regulations permitting coverage for these groups have not yet been filed.)

Reporting Requirements

Counties are to report all Cuban/Haitian Entrants who received AFDC or Medi-Cal Only at any time after June, 1980 to the Department on the Refugee Cross Reference Transaction, Form MC 255 or EDP equivalent. Cuban/Haitian Entrants are to be identified in the "refugee indicator" column by the number 8. (See attached form.)

PLEASE NOTE: In order to assure full recovery of federal funds, all counties are to provide this retroactive information by May 15, 1981.

All new Cuban/Haitian Entrant AFDC or Medi-Cal Only applicants shall be reported on a monthly basis following the reporting instructions provided in Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual Procedures Section 5F.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medi-Cal Program Consultant.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Barbara V. Carr, Acting Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
     Medi-Cal Program Consultants

(1) COUNTY NAME   NUMBER   (2) APPROVAL MONTH   (9) CO.   Use

Trans Code (3)	BENEFICIARY SSA NUMBER (4)	Rfg. Ind. (5)	BENEFICIARY I.D. NUMBER (6)					ENTRY DATE (7)		NAME (8)	
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Department of Health Services
714 P Street, Room 1692
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(3) TRANS. CODE
"A" = Add
"D" = Delete
"H" = Hold

(5) REFUGEE INDICATOR
"1" = Indochinese Refugee   "7" = Other Refugee
"2" = Cuban Phasedown   "8" = Cuban Haitian Entrant