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To: All County Welfare Directors

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR UNDOCUMENTED OR ILLEGAL ALIENS

In the past, the Social Security Administration (SSA) did not issue a Social Security Number (SSN) to an undocumented or illegal alien who was entitled to Medicaid (Medi-Cal Only) benefits. Recent changes by SSA now allow an individual whose alien status has not yet been determined and who is entitled to Medi-Cal Only benefits to be assigned an SSN.

Future referrals of undocumented or illegal aliens to SSA for SSN assignment purposes shall be done in the following manner:

1. Complete Section I of an MC 194 form (or county equivalent) for each undocumented or illegal alien to be assigned an SSN. In Section II.E ("Comments"), indicate that the individual is "entitled to Medi-Cal Only benefits" and the effective date of eligibility.
2. Refer the individual with the completed form to the local SSA district office.
3. Follow-up to ensure that the individual has visited the local SSA district office. (i.e., you may check the box to have a copy of the processed MC 194 returned to you by the SSA district office). Medi-Cal Only individuals who refuse to cooperate in obtaining a Social Security Number may be discontinued as described in CAC, Title 22, Section 50187.

If you have any questions concerning this procedure, contact your Medi-Cal Program Consultant.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
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