

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officer

December 24, 1987

ERRATA NOTICE Letters No. 87-56

Attached are revised pages to ACWDL 87-56. In our examples showing the county input process, we indicated that an OBRA alien could be categorically linked as aid code 35 -- this is incorrect. An OBRA alien would not meet the residency requirements for eligibility under aid code 35. We have therefore revised this example by changing aid code 35 to 37.

Also, under County Batch Procedures, we have corrected the aid code given in the example to aid code 14, denoting an aged Medically Needy, no Share of Cost individual.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your assistance in making these corrections.

Sincerely

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Attachment

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants
MEDS Liaisons

Expiration Date: August 1, 1988

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Medi-Cal and Miscellaneous" inquiry screen. Below is an example of this process.

OBRA alien categorically linked as aid code 37:

MEDS Field	County Enters	MEDS Shows
County-ID Per-MEDS	01-58-1234567-1-01	01-58-1234567-1-01
Orig-Aid	37	37 on the Medi-Cal Pending and Misc. Inquiry Screen

In previous meetings with county staff the alternatives of either requiring counties to issue restricted Medi-Cal cards on an as needed basis or allowing counties to establish ongoing restricted eligibility for OBRA aliens was discussed. In response to county concerns regarding the additional workload which would be necessitated by the first option, we will be allowing counties to establish ongoing eligibility for OBRA aliens. Therefore, counties will follow current procedures to confirm eligibility on MEDS when an EW15 transaction is used to establish eligibility.

County Batch Procedures

In conjunction with the online procedures indicated above, once notified that legislation has passed, and the MEDS changes have been installed, counties may report eligibility for OBRA/IRCA beneficiaries via a batch process. The OBRA/IRCA aid code will be submitted as the aid code in the "County-ID Per-MEDS" field. The original aid code to which the OBRA/IRCA beneficiary is linked will be submitted in the "Orig-Aid" field data element 1249. For example: OBRA alien, aid code 58, was determined eligible as an aged Medically Needy, no share of cost individual - aid code 14. The aid code used in the "County-ID Per-MEDS" would be aid code 58, the "Original Aid Code" would be aid code 14. Data element, 1249, is available for use with the EW05, EW20 or EW30 transactions.

The original aid code will be stored in the "Orig-Aid" field located on the "Pending Medi-Cal and Miscellaneous" inquiry screen and subsequently used to determine future capitation rates for alien individuals who participate in dental and prepaid health plans. Counties are not required to retain the original aid code information on their county system as this field will not be included in the MEDS reconciliation process.

Counties are reminded that all required information pertaining to the original aid code, such as share of cost and long term care indicator,

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must be submitted on the online/batch transactions, since that information effects the OBRA/IRCA eligibility status.

Counties are instructed to begin designing the necessary system/procedural changes but to hold the installation of those changes until further notice from this Department. The Department will time the installation of the MEDS changes to coincide with the passage of the required legislation, taking into consideration required state and county lead time.

HAS-2007 Procedures

The HAS-2007 form is used to report the issuance of hand typed cards whenever a county is unable to submit a transaction to "log" the card issuance on MEDS. (Please see attached form for reference.) When completing this form for OBRA/IRCA individuals, counties must enter the original aid code information. The aid code must be included in box #2, following the "Beneficiary ID". Please enclose the original aid code in parentheses to distinguish it from the rest of the county identification number, for example: 01-58-1234567-1-01 (37). Counties must make an additional copy of the HAS 2007 form and mail it to:

Department of Health Services
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch
714 P Street, Room 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: IRCA/OBRA Clerk

Only those forms which contain card issuance information on IRCA/OBRA individuals need to be copied and sent to the above address. The original aid code information on these forms, in addition to the information on MEDS, will be used to determine future capitation rates for alien individuals.

Medi-Cal Card Issuance

Upon implementation of the OBRA/IRCA provisions, Medi-Cal cards generated for individuals eligible under aid codes 52, 57 and 58 will have the following printed message, "VALID FOR EMERGENCY/PREGNANCY RELATED SERVICES". The Department will be notifying Medi-Cal providers of the restricted emergency and pregnancy related services allowed under these aid codes via the provider bulletin process. An informational copy of the provider bulletin will be sent to all counties.

Questions regarding the MEDS changes should be directed to your state MEDS liaison. IRCA/OBRA policy questions should be directed to Sandra Bierer at (916) 324-4971 or Tom Dickson at (916) 323-4124.