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GOVERNING BOARD

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL ACWDL 07-12, CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTATION,
RESTRICTED BENEFITS AND THE COUNTY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to provide a further clarification on the CMSP policy regarding the Implementation of the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 pertaining to Evidence of Citizenship Requirement.

On June 4, 2007 the Department of Health Services released All County Welfare Directors Letter 07-12 titled "Implementation of the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 Requirement to Provide Evidence of Citizenship/U.S. National Status as a Condition of Medi-Cal Eligibility."

The ACWDL states "State law...specifies that individuals who have been determined otherwise eligible, but are determined ineligible for full-scope Medi-Cal for failing to meet citizenship/identity requirements within the reasonable opportunity period described...will receive restricted services (including Medi-Cal emergency services and pregnancy-related care and state-only long-term care)."

CMSP would like to remind CMSP counties that per CMSP Manual section 5-016.C.: "A person who is otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal but fails to provide proper documentation of legal status and/or citizenship as required under state or federal law and regulation shall not be eligible" for full or restricted CMSP benefits. Therefore, the counties should not grant any CMSP benefits to those persons otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal but who fail to provide documentation of their citizenship or identity. Following the regulation stated in the ACWDL 07-12 such persons can be approved for restricted Medi-Cal benefits only.

If you have any questions regarding the DHS ACWDL, please contact your county's Medi-Cal liason. If you have any questions about CMSP policy concerning this issue please contact Anna Bedrina, Eligibility Specialist with the CMSP Governing Board, at (916) 649-2631 ext 20.

Sincerely,



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