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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO.02-08

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CAPI PROGRAM MANAGERSReason For This Transmittal

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by one or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: AID CODES FOR THE CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS (CAPI) ON THE MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEM (MEDS)

REFERENCE: MEDS Change Cycle Letter #229 (WRR M0976) issued April 17, 2001

The purpose of this All-County Letter is to advise counties that CAPI aid codes must be entered into MEDS for existing and all new CAPI cases.

There are four CAPI aid codes being used for caseload tracking. The aid codes reflect four broad non-citizen categories. They are not true Medi-Cal aid codes in that they do not reflect a type of Medi-Cal eligibility; they are used for tracking purposes only. Medi-Cal eligibility and Medi-Cal aid codes should not be changed as a result of this letter. The four CAPI aid codes are

- 1A Non-citizens who entered the United States prior to August 22, 1996, meet the federal definition of Qualified Alien, and who are age 65 or older.
- 6K Non-citizens who entered the United States prior to August 22, 1996 and meet the previous federal Permanent Residence Under Color of Law requirements, but not the Qualified Alien requirements.
- 6M Sponsored immigrants who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996, and the sponsor is deceased or disabled, or the immigrant is a victim of abuse by either the sponsor or the sponsor's spouse.
- 6T Previously time-limited, but now extended CAPI. Non-citizens who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996, who do not meet the sponsor restrictions in the definition of aid code 6M and who meet either the federal definition of Qualified Alien or the previous federal definition of Permanent Residence Under Color of Law.

The purpose of entering CAPI aid codes into MEDS is twofold. First, it will enhance program integrity by allowing counties to be aware of CAPI claims in other counties as well as possibly alerting them to Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) eligibility. Second, the centralized data source on MEDS will provide case management information for CAPI.

The CAPI aid codes will be displayed in the same manner and in the same general location as the aid codes for General Relief/General Assistance. The CAPI aid code information will be displayed on the INQ1, Q2, or Q3 screens on MEDS.

Counties are responsible for ensuring that CAPI aid codes are entered into MEDS for all existing and new cases, and that future changes in CAPI eligibility are reflected in MEDS. Counties should have all existing cases converted and a system in place for new cases within 60 days from the date of this letter. Counties should refer to the attached MEDS Change Cycle Letter Write-Up (CC#229; WRR M0976) for additional guidance.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to your Cash Assistance Programs Unit analyst at (916) 229-4582.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By
Donna L. Mandelstam on 1/18/02***

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Attachment

MEDS CHANGE CYCLE LETTER WRITE-UP

To be completed by Change Cycle Coordinator

CC# 229

WRR M0976

To be completed by person assigned to create this write-up

TITLE New CAPI Aid Codes

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/17/2001

CHANGE Enhancement

To be completed by person assigned to create this write-up

BACKGROUND:

Currently, clients are receiving assistance from 2 or more different counties. Counties need to identify when county cash assistance clients apply for SSI/SSP and request Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR) to recover any initial SSI/SSP payment for the county. In addition, counties need to discontinue county cash assistance if a client is approved for SSI/SSP.

Presently, MEDS is generating extra Worker Alerts because a number of county systems are reporting Cash Assistance Program Immigrants (CAPI) aid codes to MEDS. The CAPI reporting also results in Medi-Cal eligibility being changed to Burman status when both sets of eligibility are reported on a MEDS Reconciliation file. This reporting causes an additional workload for counties.

DESCRIPTION:

Four new CAPI aid codes for immigrants who are eligible for cash assistance will be added to MEDS. These new aid codes include individuals who are immigrants that were not receiving SSI/SSP in August 1996, and which can no longer become eligible for SSI/SSP because of their immigration status. The new aid codes are as follows:

- 1A - CAPI-Qualified Aliens – Cash Assistance Only
- 6K - CAPI-Non-Qualified Aliens – Cash Assistance Only
- 6M - CAPI-Sponsored Aliens – Cash Assistance Only
- 6T - CAPI-Limited Term Qualified Aliens – Cash Assistance Only

RESULTS:

The addition of the new CAPI aid codes to MEDS will allow counties to take advantage of the automated processes and county worker alerts that MEDS has in place for the functions identified above. Adding these immigrant clients to MEDS will also allow DSS to include these clients on reports they create from the MEDS extract files sent to them on a monthly basis. The addition of the CAPI aid codes will also eliminate the extra alerts and the added county workload for dealing with Medi-Cal records changing to Burman status.

To be completed by supervisor/team lead

APPROVED BY:

Date