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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-21

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICES

SUBJECT: REFUGEE STATISTICAL REPORTS - REDUCTION OF TIME-
ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT OF REFUGEE
RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM COSTS.

REFERENCE: ACIN I-02-88, ACL 86-27 and ACL 86-113

The purpose of this All County Letter is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWD) of the new statistical reporting requirements for Time Eligible Refugee cases and persons. All County Information Notice No. I-02-88, dated January 14, 1988, advised counties of the new 24 month refugee time eligibility limitation for 100 percent federal reimbursement for the Refugee Demonstration Project (RDP), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP), Foster Care, Medi-Cal and General Assistance (GA) Programs.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement has instructed states to collect information consistent with the new federal reimbursement policy. Therefore, beginning February 1, 1988, and continuing until further notice, it will be necessary for each CWD to make the appropriate adjustments to the time eligibility reporting requirement on the following forms:

- Refugee Resettlement Program - Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report (Form RS 237)

All counts reported on this form will reflect the 24 month limitation for time eligibility. For example, in the AFDC columns, Line 8a(2), "Time Eligible Persons", counties should report refugees who have resided in the United States from 1 to 24 months; on lines 9a and 9b, "AFDC" only, counties should report the number of cases and persons that were terminated because they became time expired after 24 months.

- RDP Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
(Form RS 237 RDP)

All counts reported on this form will reflect the 24 month limitation for time eligibility. For example, in the RDP columns, Line 8a(2), "Time Eligible Persons", counties should report refugees who have resided in the United States from 1 to 24 months; on lines 9a and 9b, "RDP" only, counties should report the number of cases and persons that were terminated because they became time expired after 24 months.

Note: In the past when reporting the 31 month refugee time eligibility limitation, counties were required to footnote the RS 237 and RS 237 RDP reports with the number of AFDC and RDP cases and persons who would have remained time eligible (for 36 months) for that report month. This footnote is no longer required. In addition, please note that this footnote will not be required for refugees who time expire after 24 months, but who would have remained time eligible for 31 months.

- Refugee Report, Time-Expired Cases and Persons
(Form RS 22A)

All counts on this report will reflect those refugees who have time expired at 25 months instead of 32 months and who are still receiving benefits in AFDC, GA or Medi-Cal. Those recipients who have time expired from Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) at 19 months and who then become eligible to receive federally funded GA, will now be eligible for 100 percent federal funding of the GA grant for only 6 months (18 months of RCA plus 6 months of GA). Therefore, these recipients should be reported as time expired GA recipients at 25 months.

- Refugee Assistance by Nationality Annual Report
(Form RS 238)

All counts reported on this form will reflect the 24 months limitation for time eligibility.

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