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TO: HOLDERS OF THE SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS MANUAL

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**Section 70-104**

This manual letter has been posted on the Office of Regulations Development website at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/PG611.htm>.

Final state regulations for the Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP) were adopted on February 5, 2009. The TCVAP, authorized by Senate Bill 1569 (Chapter 672, Statutes of 2006), is a state-funded program that allows for the provision of cash assistance and social services to eligible noncitizen victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes. These state-funded benefits and services are equivalent to those that are available to refugees who enter the United States.

Section 70-104.2 erroneously allowed a recipient of Refugee Cash Assistance benefits for up to 60 months. The 60-month program time limitation is appropriate for some TCVAP components, such as receiving assistance under the CalWORKs Program, but not for the TCVAP Cash Assistance Program, which currently is eight months. This change does not affect the benefits or services a TCVAP individual may receive but ensures the time periods for accessing the benefits and services are appropriately and consistently applied as authorized by Senate Bill 1569.

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Revisions to all manuals are indicated by a vertical line in the left margin.** The attached pages are to be entered in your copy of the Manual of Policies and Procedures. The latest prior manual letter containing Specialized Programs Manual changes was SP-09-01.

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**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**Regulations      TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM      70-104**

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**70-104      DETERMINATION OF SERIOUS CRIME VICTIMS      70-104**  
**ELIGIBILITY FOR TCVAP BENEFITS AND SERVICES (Continued)**

- .125      An Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued under Category “A19” or “A20” for an approved U Visa petitioner.
  
- .2      Eligibility for state-funded services for victims of serious crimes will be terminated when the recipient's application for a U Visa has been finally administratively denied, as defined in Section 70-103.511, or when the program time limitation has been reached, whichever comes first.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 10553, Welfare and Institutions Code, Senate Bill 1569 (Chapter 672, Statutes of 2006). Reference: Sections 13283 and 18945, Welfare and Institutions Code.

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