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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-47-95

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

<p><u>REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL</u></p> <p>State Law Change</p> <p>Federal Law or Regulation Change</p> <p>(J Court Order</p> <p>[X] Clarification Requested by One or More Counties</p> <p>[] Initiated by CDSS</p>

SUBJECT: ALIEN ELIGIBILITY REFERENCE

The purpose of this letter is to transmit reproducible copies of the attached alien reference guide that was developed by Santa Clara County.

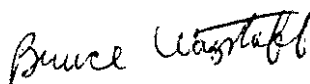
To improve the integrity of California's welfare system, and specifically with the goal of eliminating fraud, waste, and abuse in the AFDC program, a Strategic Planning Task Force was convened in October 1993. After three months of intensive effort, the task force identified 85 action steps to improve integrity and CDSS convened a Welfare Abuse Work Group to develop options for resolving issues. The county-state group recognized the need to improve eligibility worker use of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) documents. As a result, we are issuing this guide.

The guide explains in detail the different categories of aliens and the **types of documentation associated with each particular group. For informational purposes, the guide also lists the codes assigned by the INS. The codes explain the category and section of law applicable to the alien's immigration into the United States.**

The reference guide also gives an overview of program eligibility for **alienage and citizenship. However, due to the fact that immigration law changes frequently, this document is not fail-safe. This guide does not in and of itself determine program eligibility, nor does it supersede the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system requirements. INS makes the determination on whether an alien's document and/or status is valid. With respect to the Medi-Cal program only, use of this guide is not approved and any questions should be directed to your appropriate Medi-Cal contact.**

This guide is not required and will not be stocked by the CDSS. If you **have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Pam Kian of the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 654-1801.**

Sincerely,



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