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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 82-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REFUGEE SOCIAL SERVICES (FORMERLY TITLE XX-TYPE SOCIAL SERVICES)

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) I-133-81 - October 16, 1981
ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) I-148-81 - November 25, 1981

This is to inform you that All-County Information Notice I-133-81, October 16, 1981 which announced the repeal of regulations for Child Day Care Case Management Services, Family Planning Services, Health-Related Services and Employment-Related Services is also applicable to refugee social services provided to refugees by the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and reimbursed under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP).

ACIN I-148-81, dated November 25, 1981, described Department of Social Services (DSS) policy concerning the transition period for expenditures related to the four repealed service programs. These programs were to be phased out and claimed as optional service programs only through December 31, 1981. After that date, the four services programs cannot be funded with Title XX funds. This policy also applies to services provided to refugees under these repealed programs, and funded either by Title XX funds or RRP funds.

One of the primary concerns expressed by CWDs with regard to these changes, is whether or not counties will be able to provide Employment/Education/Training (EET) optional services to refugees utilizing their RRP social services allocation. The 1981/82 State Budget Act Language provides that the CWD RRP social services allocation may be used to deliver any of the service components contained in the California Comprehensive Annual Services Program Plan (CASPP). Therefore, while the first priority in utilizing RRP funds is for providing the six mandated services, CWDs may also use these funds to provide EET to refugees, as this is included as an optional service in the CASPP.

CWDs have the option of providing and funding EET services in one of the following ways:

1. If EET is included in the county's CASPP: In addition to providing RRP reimbursable Title XX mandated services to refugees, CWDs may also fund EET services provided to refugees with RRP social services funds. However, if your RRP funds for this purpose are exhausted, social services provided to refugees must then be funded with regular Title XX funds.
2. If EET is not included in your county's CASPP: Counties may provide this service to refugees with your RRP services allocation, again giving first priority to funding the six mandated services for refugees. Should the county exceed its RRP allocation, any costs resulting from a refugee only services program must be borne by the county. Should you wish to continue providing these services to refugees using normal Title XX funds when your RRP allocation is exhausted, you must amend your Title XX service plan to allow for the provision of this as an optional service(s) which must include both refugees and the general population.

Title XX services provided to refugees are to be charged first to RRP social services funds until exhausted; then to the normal Title XX allocation if appropriate.

Counties are reminded that RRP social services costs are 100 percent federally reimbursable up to the amount of the county's RRP allocation. If a CWD plans to provide optional type services to refugees which are not contained in the county's CASPP, the CWD must submit a request for approval to the Office of Refugee Services. Please address your request for approval to:

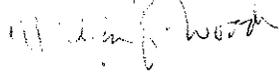
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All of the above RRP information also applies to social services provided by the CWD to Cuban/Haitian Entrants funded under the Cuban/Haitian Entrant Program.

In addition to the concerns addressed above, counties have also requested clarification as to whether EET services can only be provided on a voluntary basis, or if CWDs can make it a condition of grant eligibility and thereby impose sanctions for noncompliance. This issue is yet to be resolved, and will, therefore, be addressed in a separate ACL to be issued by February 1, 1982.

If you have any questions concerning fiscal matters, please contact your fiscal consultant at (916) 445-7048. All other questions should be directed to Ms. Laura Williams, Chief, Management Bureau, Office of Refugee Services, 744 P Street, M.S. 4-100, Sacramento, CA 95814; phone (916) 322-3141.

Sincerely,



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