

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



November 21, 2007

REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 07-16

TO: COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – REFUGEE
SOCIAL SERVICES (RSS) AND TARGETED ASSISTANCE (TA)
WAIVERS FOR SERVING REFUGEES OVER 60 MONTHS

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that a decision on the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) RSS and TA waiver request for serving refugees who have been in the United States for over 60 months is still pending with the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). ORR is providing CDSS an opportunity to submit supplemental justification to support its waiver request, and we are asking the counties for assistance in responding to this opportunity. It is important to provide statistical data to strengthen and substantiate the waiver request, along with the following:

- Identification of specific reasons for approving the waiver to serve refugees who have been in the United States (U.S.) for more than 60 months, and why the county is serving this population rather than refugees who have been in the U.S. less than 60 months.
- A detailed explanation of the consequences and fiscal impact to the county program if the waiver is not approved.

Please provide this information to the Refugee Programs Bureau no later than December 5, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact your county analyst. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Venus Garth".

for THUAN NGUYEN, Chief
Refugee Programs Bureau