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**Item 01-10-01J**

ACL 01-61 August 30, 2001 (Synopsis): Extension of the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

### Extension of the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

Reference: AB 429

AB 1111 had established time-limited CAPI with a sunset date of September 30, 2000 for those legal non-citizens who did not qualify for regular CAPI. AB 2876 extended time-limited CAPI until September 30, 2001. AB 429 now eliminates any sunset date for what was previously called time-limited CAPI. This program is now called "extended CAPI".

If a legal non-citizen enters the United States on or after August 22, 1996 and does not qualify for regular CAPI because he/she does not have a dead, disabled or abusive sponsor, the county will evaluate the CAPI applicant for "extended CAPI". If the non-citizen does not qualify for regular CAPI, but does qualify for "extended CAPI" and is sponsored, sponsor deeming will apply. Under AB 429, effective August 1, 2001, CAPI applicants and recipients are subject to 10-year sponsor deeming regardless of whether the sponsor signed the old affidavit of support (I-134) or the new affidavit of support (I-864).

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**Item 01-10-01I**

ACL 01-60 - August 30, 2001 (Synopsis): Changes to the Special Circumstances Program (SCP)

### Changes to the Special Circumstances Program (SCP)

Reference: Assembly Bill (AB) 429, Chapter 111, Statutes of 2001

AB 429 made changes to the SCP that became effective July 1, 2001. The SCP now applies to CAPI recipients as well as to SSI/SSP recipients.

Another significant change to the SCP is that SCP funds may now be authorized for the purchase of essential household furniture, equipment and clothing. Previously, SCP funds were only available for the repair or replacement of those items.

The maximum SCP allowance for certain items has been increased as follows:

- Maximum amount for purchase, repair or modification of housing, or to prevent foreclosure, or relocation expenses increases from \$750 to \$1500;
- Maximum amount for purchase, repair or replacement of essential household