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744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 01/02-42

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTIONS COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: CLAIMING CLARIFICATION FOR FOSTER CHILDREN WHO ARE DESIGNATED PERMANENTLY RESIDING UNDER THE COLOR OF LAW (PRUCOL).

REFERENCE: All County Letter (ACL) NOs. 98-35 and 99-43

This CFL provides clarification concerning the eligibility of non-citizens who are designated PRUCOL for State only foster care, CalWORKs, and/or Medi-Cal. PRUCOL is a term defined by regulations and court decisions to describe categories of non-citizens who are potentially eligible for certain public benefits in California. Pursuant to ACL No. 98-34, PRUCOL is not a separate immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) classification (such as Lawful Permanent Resident Amnesty, etc.).

In order to claim State funds for PRUCOL cases under State only Foster Care, CalWORKs and/or Medi-Cal, counties must submit the G845S form to the INS. This should be done at the time of the initial eligibility determination and applies to person(s) whose basis for PRUCOL is that the "INS knows they are here and does not intend to deport them." The INS will contact the county if they plan to deport the person listed on the G845S. Otherwise, counties should keep a copy of the G845S in the case file as verification that the form was sent to the INS.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your Fiscal Policy Analyst at (916) 657-3440.

Sincerely,

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