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CIT Name	Reduction of the Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) Eligibility Period

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Description

Purpose

The purpose of this CIT is to inform counties of a reduction in the time-limited eligibility period for Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) **from twelve months to four months** pursuant to new federal policy.

Background

Guidance from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) issued on March 28, 2025, announced the reduction of the eligibility period for RMA effective 45 days from the issuance of the bulletin. As a result, California must reduce the eligibility period for ORR-eligible populations, including RMA, with an eligibility date for ORR benefits **on or after May 5, 2025**. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will be issuing an All County Welfare Director Letter (ACWDL) for the updated RMA eligibility period reduction.

Note: The ACWDL is attached, however DHCS is in the process of publishing it and there is no assigned number, however the letter should be considered final.

Additional Information

For applications submitted prior to May 5, 2025, the eligibility period will remain 12 months. For applications submitted on or after May 5, 2025, the eligibility period for RMA will be four months. All members who are currently eligible to the RMA program will not be impacted by this change. All other RMA eligibility requirements remain unchanged and in effect.

With the exception of the reduction of the RMA eligibility period from twelve months to four months, there are no changes in the process of establishing RMA in CalSAWS.

County Actions

1. Medi-Cal eligibility must be determined prior to RMA eligibility.
2. If the individual is not eligible for any Medi-Cal program, evaluate for RMA eligibility outside of the system. If RMA eligible, establish eligibility with an Eligibility Determination and Benefit Computation (EDBC) override or Manual EDBC.
3. Complete a manual NOA utilizing the CSF 165-Free Format NOA (MC) in the template repository.
Note: The DHCS 7111, DHCS 7111 (SP) - Approval of Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) and DHCS 7110, DHCS 7110 (SP) – Discontinuance of Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) are included in ACWDL 25-XX and may be utilized for appropriate verbiage for the manual NOA.
4. Set a Task to discontinue RMA at the end of the four-month eligibility period and determine any continuing eligibility to Medi-Cal.
5. Journal any actions taken per your county's current business process.

Reminder: When an individual is discontinued from RMA, an evaluation for any other Medi-Cal program eligibility is required.

Copy your Regional Manager(s) on any questions you might send to the Primary or Backup Project Contact.

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Attachments

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