

# Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter (MPG) #624

February 20, 2008

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**Subject**            **Continuous Eligibility For Children (CEC) Discontinued From The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) /State Supplementary Payment Program(SSP)**

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**Effective Date**    Upon receipt

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**Reference**            ACWDL 07-11

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**Purpose**                The purpose of this letter is to inform staff of a clarification from The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) that clarifies the CEC guarantee period for children discontinued from SSI/SSP.

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**Background**        The CEC guarantee period for children discontinued from SSI was defined in MPG section 5-15-7 as beginning with the last month of SSI eligibility and ending 12 months later. DHCS has clarified that the CEC guarantee period for discontinued SSI children should begin on the date that the child was last determined eligible for SSI.

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**Determine whether the child is still eligible for CEC**            Determine the last date on which the child was found SSI eligible

In order to determine whether the CEC period has expired, the worker must first determine the last date on which the child was found SSI eligible. The worker should look for the last SSI redetermination date.

<b>If SSI has reported this date, it can be found in:</b>	
MEDS	Under the INQM in the RV-COMP field
IEVS	Under the "Date of Last Redetermination" field

Note: Workers should assume the SSI redetermination date reported on these screens is accurate unless they have information to the contrary.

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**Determine whether the child is still eligible for CEC (cont)**

If MEDS and IEVS do not show the last SSI redetermination date:

Workers must contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine the date of the last RV and narrate actions in the case file. If the SSA does not respond within 30 days, assume that the SSI discontinuance date is the date of the SSI annual RV and, therefore, assume that the CEC period has ended.

<b>If the SSI redetermination date is found and...</b>	<b>then...</b>
the date is within 12 months of the month the worker is conducting the SB87 evaluation,	the child is eligible for CEC in the review month.
the SSI redetermination date is more than 12 months prior to the evaluation,	the CEC period has concluded.

**Worker Actions**

The child is determined eligible for CEC

Evaluate the child for any other zero share of cost (SOC) program based on the information at hand. An ex parte determination must be made before the worker contacts the family for more information.

If the child is not determined eligible for any other zero SOC program, they should be placed in the appropriate CEC aid code until 12 months from their last SSI RV date.

The child is **not** determined eligible for CEC

Complete the usual SB87 evaluation. If the child is determined eligible for a zero SOC Medi-Cal program, the worker will issue the usual approval NOA.

If the child is determined ineligible to a zero SOC program or eligible with a SOC, the notice must state the date used to determine the CEC guarantee period begin date and that the family has the opportunity to provide a correct date to the eligibility worker. If the family can establish that the child had an SSI redetermination resulting in eligibility within 12 months of the SB 87 determination, the worker must re-evaluate whether the child was eligible to CEC and take appropriate action.

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**Automation Impact** None.

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**Forms Impact** The CEC discontinuance notice in CalWIN does not have the DHCS required language. A temporary notice (TEMP 14-87 and TEMP 14-87(SP), attachments 1 and 2) has been created with the appropriate language and is available for order on iWay.

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**Quality Assurance (QA) Impact** Beginning with the March 2007 sample month, QA will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not follow the requirements of this letter.

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**Summary of Change**

<b>Article</b>	<b>Change</b>
Article 5, section 15	Changed the definition of the guaranteed CEC period for discontinued SSI children

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**Filing Instructions**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Pages</b>
Remove	Article 5-15-17 – 5-15-23
Replace	Article 5-15-17 – 5-15-23

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**Important Notice**

The MPG is available in its entirety on the County Intranet by accessing [http://hhsa\\_intranet/manuals/mpg/index.html](http://hhsa_intranet/manuals/mpg/index.html). The MPG revisions listed in this letter will be entered into the Intranet MPG at the next update.

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