

MEDI-CAL PROGRAM GUIDE (MPG) LETTER # 696

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Subject ELIMINATION OF SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS (SAVE) FOR IMMIGRANTS PERMANENTLY RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER COLOR OF LAW (PRUCOL) CLAIMING STATUS CATEGORY 16 ON THE MC 13 FORM

Effective Date Upon Receipt

Reference ACWDL 09-40

Purpose To inform workers that it is no longer necessary to verify the immigration status of immigrants who claim the last PRUCOL category on the MC13 Statement of Citizenship.

Background This letter does not alter immigrant eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal. The 16th category on the MC 13 is for a noncitizen who claims that he or she is: "Not in any of the 1-15 categories on the MC 13, who can show that INS knows he/she is in the United States and INS does not intend to deport him/her, either because of the person's status category or individual circumstances".

Changes Applicants who claim the last PRUCOL category on the MC 13 are no longer required to complete the G-845 Document Verification Request or the MC 845 Supplement - PRUCOL form. In addition, effectively immediately, it is no longer necessary to verify PRUCOL status at annual redetermination for beneficiaries who claimed the last PRUCOL category on the MC 13.

Required Action The worker is required to grant full-scope Medi-Cal if an immigrant is otherwise eligible and claims the last PRUCOL category on the MC13 without performing SAVE verification or collecting any documentation relating to immigration status.

When the worker is aware of a documented applicant who is claiming the last PRUCOL category on the MC13, the worker must contact the Medi-Cal Program Specialist who shall review the documentation and

when applicable, forward the information to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Division analyst responsible for SAVE. The Medi-Cal Eligibility Division will review these cases to ensure that documented individuals are receiving the appropriate level of benefits based on their known immigration status or other relevant factors such as whether they are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or other serious crimes. The worker shall follow the guidelines outline in MPG 7.03.02 Section G when determining the appropriate level of benefits.

The worker shall continue to follow current process and procedures for any applicant who is claiming any of the other 15 PRUCOL categories.

Automation Impact None

Forms Impact None

Quality Assurance Impact Effective with the January 2010 review month. Quality Assurance will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

Summary of Changes The table below shows the changes made in the MPG.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 7 Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Info mapped Article• Updated PRUCOL eligibility requirement• Deleted Qualified/Not Qualified/Refugee Alien CDS Tracking
Article 5 Section 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Info mapped Article• Updated MIA PRUCOL requirement

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