

Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter (MPG) # 764

November 16, 2012

Subject IRAQI AND AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANTS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL TO THE SAME EXTENT AS REFUGEES

Effective Upon Receipt

Reference All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) 12-19

Purpose To inform staff about the changes to the treatment of Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants (SI's) when determining Medi-Cal eligibility.

Background Previously, Iraqi and Afghan SI's were potentially eligible for only Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Refugee Medi-Cal Assistance (RMA), but their Medi-Cal eligibility was limited to restricted scope benefits because they did not meet the immigration status requirement for full scope benefits.

Highlighted Changes Effective immediately, Iraqi and Afghan SI's who meet all eligibility requirements including, but not limited to income, property, California residence and linkage are eligible to full-scope Medi-Cal.
NOTE: This will not impact an Iraqi/Afghan SI's eligibility for RMA.

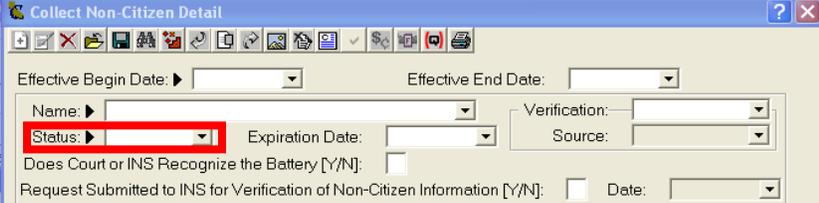
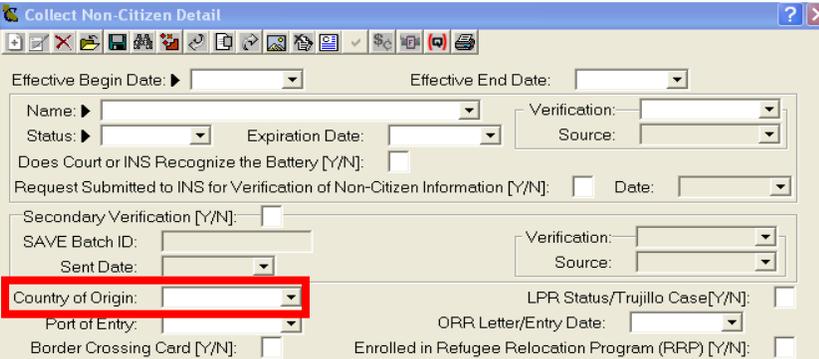
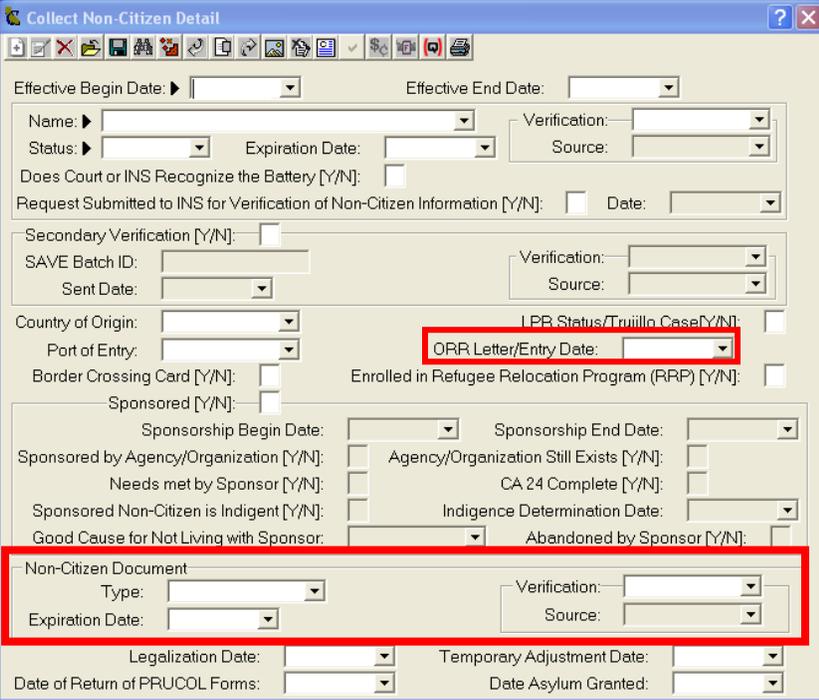
Required Action Workers must review all Iraqi and Afghan SI cases that are currently eligible for RMA for ongoing Medi-Cal eligibility. If an Iraqi or Afghan SI who is currently eligible for RMA is also eligible for Medi-Cal, the worker must:

Step	Action
1	Grant Medi-Cal.
2	Mail the beneficiary Approval of Medi-Cal Benefits for Iraqi and Afghan SIs Notice of Action (NOA) 14-115 HHSA.
3	Enter citizenship/alien indicator code "R" on MEDS by completing the CalWIN entries outlined in the Automation Impact section of this letter.

Automation For tracking the immigration status of Iraqi and Afghan SI's in MEDS,

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workers must take the following actions:

Step	Action
1	<p>Enter the Iraqi/Afghan SI Status as Refugee in the Collect Non-Citizen Detail window:</p> 
2	<p>Enter the Country of Origin in the Collect Non-Citizen Detail window:</p> 
3	<p>Enter the ORR Letter/Entry Date and the Non-Citizen Document used to verify the Iraqi/Afghan SI status in the Collect Non-Citizen Detail window:</p> 
4	<p>Verify the Citizenship/Alien code “R” appears on the INQE screen of MEDS within 2 work days:</p>

INQE	** OTHER CLIENT ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION **	IFU - 09/17/12 10:53:09
MEDS-ID	SSN-VER A CIN	MEDS-CUR-MMY 09-12 BIRTHDATE DOB-VER C
DEATH-DATE	DEATH-CD	DEATH-POSTED
SSI-LAST-RECEIVED	PICKLE-TICKLER	LAST-PICKLE-CHG
EXP-DEL-DATE	CMS-INDICATORS	ELIG-APPROVAL-DATE
SSN-VER-BIRTHDATE	LANG: SPOKEN 7 WRITTEN 7	ETHNIC 3
CITIZENSHIP-DOC: TYPE NUMBER	SOURCE SS DATE 02-24-2010	
IDENTITY-DOC: TYPE NUMBER	SOURCE SS DATE 02-24-2010	
BIRTHPLACE	INS-ENTRY-DATE	COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN
CITIZEN/ALIEN-IND	ALIEN-ELIG	ALIEN-SPONSOR-STAT ALIEN-NO

Forms Impact

Approval of Medi-Cal Benefits for Iraqi and Afghan SIs NOA 14-115 HHSA is available in CalWIN. Staff must print the NOA manually from CalWIN.

Access Impact

No Impact.

Imaging Impact

No Impact.

PA (CalFresh or CalWORKs) Program Impact

No Impact.

QC/QA Impact

Effective with the December 2012 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 cites.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 7, Section 1.1b	• Iraqi and Afghan SIs added to full-scope benefits
Article 7, Section 3.1f	• Iraqi and Afghan SIs added to alien categories

Approval for Release

Pat Wilson, Dep. Director 11-19-12

7.1.01 Citizenship/Alienage Status

B. Full-Scope Benefits

Full-scope benefits include all medical services covered by the Medi-Cal Program.

To be eligible for full-scope benefits, an applicant or beneficiary must be:

- a citizen of the United States who has provided the required CIT/ID documents as specified in [MPG 7.2.2](#);
- a citizen of the United States who is making good faith effort to provide the required CIT/ID documents;
- an alien who has been lawfully admitted into the United States (U.S.) on a permanent basis or for an indefinite period;
- an alien who is permanently residing in the U.S. under color of law (PRUCOL);
- an IRCA (Immigration Reform and Control Act) alien, who is under 18, over 64 years of age, blind or disabled; or
- an Iraqi or Afghan SI.

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7.3.01 Alien Categories

F. Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants

Iraqi and Afghan SIs must be treated like refugees for the purposes of determining Medi-Cal eligibility. The following table list the acceptable documents for confirm both immigration status and date of entry for Iraqi and Afghan SIs:

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Applicant	Documentation
Principal Applicant Iraqi or Afghan SI	Iraqi or Afghan passport with an immigration visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under Immigrant Visa Category SI1 or SQ1 and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry
Spouse of Principal Applicant Iraqi or Afghan SI	Iraqi or Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under Immigrant Visa Category SI2 or SQ2 and DHS stamp or

	notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry
Unmarried Child Under 21 Years of Age of Iraqi or Afghan SI	Iraqi or Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under Immigrant Visa Category SI3 or SQ3 and DHS stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry
Principal Applicant Iraqi or Afghan SI Principal Adjusting Status in the U.S.	DHS Form I-551 (“green card”) showing Iraqi or Afghan nationality (or Iraqi or Afghan passport), with an immigrant visa code of SI6 or SQ6
Spouse of Principal Applicant Iraqi or Afghan SI in SI6 Category	DHS Form I-551 (“green card”) showing Iraqi or Afghan nationality (or Iraqi or Afghan passport), with an immigrant visa code of SI7 or SQ7
Unmarried Child Under 21 Years of Age of Iraqi or Afghan SI in SI6 Category	DHS Form I-551 (“green card”) showing Iraqi or Afghan nationality (or Iraqi or Afghan passport), with an immigrant visa code of SI9 or SQ9