

50257 Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) and Entrant Medical Assistance (EMA)

(a)

Refugees and entrants who are not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal under federally-funded AFDC, SSI/SSP, MN or Medically Indigent Child programs may be eligible for Medi-Cal through the special federal programs of Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) or Entrant Medical Assistance (EMA).

(b)

Refugees and entrants who apply for Medi-Cal under the RMA or EMA programs shall: (1) Meet the definition contained in the Department of Social Services (DSS) Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) of "refugee" (MPP sections 69.203.1 and 69.203.2), "children of refugees" (MPP section 69-203.3), or "entrant" (MPP sections 69-301 through 69-305). (2) Have their eligibility for Medi-Cal under the RMA or EMA programs determined in accordance with articles 4 through 13 (commencing with section 50141) of this chapter; however, in-kind services and/or shelter provided to refugees by a sponsor or resettlement agency are not to be considered as income. (3) Provide the name of the resettlement agency to the county welfare department.

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(c)

Recipients of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) or Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA) shall automatically receive a Medi-Cal card. But receipt of RCA/ECA is not a condition of RMA/EMA eligibility. Refugees may apply for "RMA/FMA-Only" benefits.

(d)

Recipients of RCA/ECA who become ineligible for these cash programs solely because of increased earnings from employment will continue to be eligible for up to eight months of transitional RMA/EMA benefits with no share-of-cost. Eligibility for RMA/EMA is limited until the end of the RMA/EMA time-eligibility period specified in subsection (e) of this Section.

(e)

Eligibility for Medi-Cal under the RMA or EMA programs shall be limited to the shorter of the following periods: (1) The refugee's first eight months of United States residency, beginning with the month of entry, or the entrant's (including entrant children born in the United States resettlement camps) first eight months of parole (release from Immigration and Naturalization Service custody). (2) The time period for which DHS determines that sufficient federal funds are available

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(f)

Refugees shall be ineligible for RMA/EMA if: (1) They have been denied or terminated from RCA/ECA for failure or refusal to comply with registration, employment, education or training requirements of MPP section 69-208; or (2) They are full-time students in an institution of higher education, as defined by MPP section 69-206.51, except where such enrollment is part of an employability plan developed by a county welfare department or its designee per MPP sections 69-206.52, 69-206.53, or 69-206.54, or is part of a plan for an unaccompanied minor meeting the requirements of sections 69-213.23 or 69-213.62.

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