

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors, Temporary Assistance Directors, Legal Staff, Fair Hearing Staff, Staff Development coordinators

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SUBJECT: Iraqi and Afghan Immigrant Children (Upstate Special Immigrants):
Individual Category Code

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to provide local departments of social services staff with additional instructions for data entering children with special immigrant status into the Welfare Management System (WMS). GIS message 08 MA/012, explained that federal legislation created a special category of immigrants from Afghanistan and Iraq who are given Special Immigrant (SI) status. Visas will be coded "SIV".

Per federal legislation, Medicaid eligibility for Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrants must end by 6 or 8 months, respectively, after their U.S. entry as a special immigrant or conversion to a special immigrant status, regardless of rules that are otherwise applied for their eligibility group. Afghan and Iraqi children admitted with the SI status are not entitled to a Continuous Save Date (CSD). To be in compliance with federal legislation and to avoid generation of the CSD during the initial eligibility period, Medicaid policy has approved the use of **Individual Category Code 22** (ADC-Related Child - Deprivation), which will not generate a CSD. After the initial coverage period it will be necessary to assign the appropriate Category Code and the appropriate CSD will be generated.

New York City: NYC instructions will be issued separately.