

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-12-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 515: RELEASE OF IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) PROVIDER INFORMATION**REFERENCE: ACL NO. I-79-98**

AB 515 (Wright), Chapter 804, Statutes of 1999 was an urgency measure that became effective on October 10, 1999. This legislation specifies that personal information regarding In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers is *not* public information pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

The bill also enacted an exemption to its statute regarding the release of personal information relating to IHSS providers. This exemption requires that, upon request, only the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of IHSS providers must be transmitted to exclusive bargaining agents or any labor organization seeking representation rights. Only these entities can receive this information. Additionally, these individuals and organizations must restrict their use of this information to employee organizing, representation, and assistance activities of the labor organization.

If a county receives a request for this information, they should determine if the requesting party meets the new law's requirements. That is, that the requesting party is either an exclusive bargaining agent or a labor organization seeking representation rights pursuant to state laws.

Counties who get a “download” from the Case Management, Information and Payrolling System (CMIPS) can produce a list of their providers that meet the requirements of the bill. If a county does not receive a monthly “download”, they can request one from the Adult Programs Systems Bureau (APSB) at the address below:

California Department of Social Services
Adult Programs Systems Bureau
744 P Street, M.S. 19-96
Sacramento, California 95814

The Department has provided the Service Employees International Union and United Domestic Workers of America with listings of provider names, addresses and telephone numbers for many counties. Counties can call the APSB at (916) 229-4583 to inquire if a current listing of their providers has been sent to one of these labor organizations.

Should you have questions regarding either the bill or this letter, please contact your Adult Programs Branch, Operations and Technical Assistance Analyst at (916) 229-4000.

Sincerely,

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