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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-116-80

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF FORMS USED FOR SPECIAL MEDICAL/SHELTER DEDUCTION REGULATIONS

REFERENCE:

Each county was recently sent an interim supply of the Food Stamp Application - Special Medical Deductions (DFA 285-C, 8/80) and the Food Stamp Budget Worksheet - Special Medical/Shelter Deductions (DFA 285-D, 8/80). These forms were revised to correspond with the changes in the revised medical/shelter deduction regulations filed with the Secretary of State on September 24, 1980 and which will become effective on December 1, 1980. Until then, the revised forms should be used as follows:

The DFA 285-C (8/80) may be used when supplies of the 1/80 revision are exhausted or upon implementation of the revised medical/shelter deduction regulations, whichever occurs first. Until the regulations are implemented, the column entitled "Paid by Household" should be ignored, as there is no provision in existing regulations for medical expenses paid by the household. Counties must ensure that eligibility staff are notified of the proper use of the 8/80 revision prior to implementation of the regulations and of the potential for error if used incorrectly.

It has come to our attention that the 8/80 revision of the DFA 285-D contains an error in Section G3, Shelter Deduction. In order for the shelter deduction to be computed correctly, line G3b should read "Less 50 percent of line B7 minus the total of lines C1, C2 and C3". Please destroy any supply of the DFA 285-D (8/80) in your county as use of this form without the necessary correction could result in an incorrect issuance of benefits.

A corrected version of the DFA 285-D is now available from the DSS warehouse. This form, dated 9/80, should not be used until the regulations are implemented as it provides for the method of computing medical deductions contained in the revised regulations. Use of this form prior to implementation of the regulations could result in an incorrect issuance of benefits. Counties should continue to use the DFA 285-D (1/80) until December 1, 1980 when the revised medical/shelter deduction regulations are implemented.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Food Stamp consultant.

Sincerely,



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cc: CWDA