

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-17-80

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PENDING CHANGES TO THE FOOD STAMP ISSUANCE REGULATIONS

REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of recent legislation relating to Food Stamp Program issuance requirements.

Recently enacted State legislation (AB 381, Chapter 1170, Statutes of 1979) provides that beginning January 1, 1980, counties can request a waiver of over-the-counter (OTC) food stamp issuance. This is in addition to requests for waivers of mail issuance, as specified in Manual Section 63-602.13. The addition of an OTC waiver authorization will provide counties with more flexibility to implement an issuance system which is suitable to their individual needs.

Regulations reflecting this change are now being developed and will be distributed as soon as possible. In the meantime, counties wishing to waive the OTC method may submit a written request containing a description of their current issuance system and an explanation of how the remaining system will meet future issuance needs. Counties must also include information that will show how their new system will comply with the existing requirements for expedited service and coupon replacements.

All requests must be submitted to the Food Stamp Program Management Branch (FSPMB)-SDSS for approval. Upon receipt, the FSPMB-SDSS will evaluate each written request and return a decision to the requesting county within sixty days. A copy of the request must also be submitted to the requesting county's Board of Supervisors.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact your Food Stamp Program Consultant at (916) 322-5475.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kyle S. McKinsey".

KYLE S. MCKINSEY
Deputy Director