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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-09-81

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED TRUST FUND REGULATIONS IN THE
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

REFERENCE:

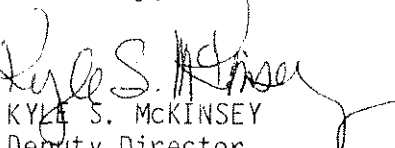
The purpose of this letter is to inform you of forthcoming regulation revisions on the treatment of trust funds in the Food Stamp Program.

The Food Stamp Program Management Branch (FSPMB) has recently received final federal regulations which revise the food stamp resource exclusion for trust funds. These regulations mandate a February 1, 1981 implementation date for all new cases and require the current caseload to be converted to the new rules at recertification or any time the case is otherwise reviewed, whichever occurs first. (A case file is considered to be reviewed any time the CWD receives information which affects eligibility or benefit level.)

To comply with the mandated implementation schedule, the FSPMB is attempting to process on an emergency basis the state regulations promulgated as a result of this new rule. These regulations expand the resource exclusion for trust funds to include irrevocable trust funds which are established by a nonhousehold member from nonhousehold (third party) funds when the trust fund is administered by either: (1) a court, institution, corporation which is not under the direction or ownership of any household member; or (2) an individual appointed by the court who has court imposed limitations placed on his/her use of the funds. The regulations also amend the definition of income to require that any withdrawals from excluded trust funds be considered unearned income to the household in the month received.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact your Food Stamp Program Operations Analyst at (916) 322-5475.

Sincerely,


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