DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 65-82

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: COST OF LIVING INCREASES IN SOCIAL SECURITY AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT

REFERENCE:

Effective July 1982, there will be a cost-of-living increase to Social Security (RSDI) and Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefits. The Social Security increase is 7.4 percent. The RRB benefit increase is not adjusted by a standard percentage and will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Railroad Retirement Board. These increases will affect grant amounts and could affect eligibility for AFDC, RCA and ECA cases.

Both the RSDI and RRB increases should be reported on the CA 7 for July 1982. However, the new RSDI benefit amounts can be determined by multiplying the "old" benefit amount by 1.074. The new benefit levels will be used, where appropriate, to determine income eligibility for July and grant amounts for September. These increases could affect eligibility starting with the month of July for both new and continuing cases. The increases will affect the July grant for new cases in which July is the first or second month of aid and the September grant for ongoing cases.

Affected recipients whose grants are adjusted due to the RSDI or RRB benefit increases must be properly notified through use of an appropriate Notice of Action form.

Food Stamp Program implications will be explained in a forthcoming All-County Letter. In addition, information concerning the cost-of-living increases applicable to the AFDC, SSI/SSP and IHSS programs will be issued under separate cover at a later date.

If there are questions, please contact your AFDC Program Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458.

Sincerely

Deputy Director

cc: CWDA

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