STATE OF CALIFORNIA-HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-85-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AFDC PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 1984 (DEFRA)

REFERENCE: ACIN I-67-84

This notice is to inform you of our plans for implementing the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) provisions of the recent federal Deficit Reduction Act (DEFRA). We will provide specific information as quickly as possible on the impact of DEFRA on the Foster Care Program, the Refugee Cash Assistance Program, the Entrant Cash Assistance Program, and the Refugee Demonstration Project.

Attachment I contains a summary of the major provisions of DEFRA and our planned implementation schedule. Attachment II is a table of values for use in implementing the 185% gross income limit provision.

On August 31, at the close of the State legislative session, AB 1557 (Bates) was passed. This provides the necessary state legislation to implement major provisions of DEFRA. We received Federal regulations on September 10. We are preparing emergency state regulations which are necessary to implement a number of the DEFRA changes effective October 1.

Implementation effective October 1 means that October eligibility determinations and grants must reflect the new provisions. For continuing cases, this will mean applying August income and circumstances as reported in the CA 7 Monthly Eligibility Report received by the county during September. We recognize many counties will have to implement these provisions retroactively. Therefore, we urge you to flag cases likely to be affected so you will have the least amount of difficulty in making the changes.

We are making every effort to provide you with the regulations, notices of action and detailed implementation instructions as quickly as we can. You can anticipate receiving most of this information within one to two weeks, barring any unforeseen problems.

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Thank you for your cooperation during these last few weeks in limiting your telephone calls to the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau. They will now return to normal telephone service. If you have any questions on this notice, you may call them at (916) 322-5330 or ATSS 8-492-5330.

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Attachments

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