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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REFERENCES: ACIN I-100-85  
ACIN I-34-86  
ACIN I-56-86

SUBJECT: STREAMLINED MONTHLY ELIGIBILITY REPORT (CA 7) PILOT PROJECT

This is to provide you with an update on the progress of the streamlined Monthly Eligibility Report (CA 7) pilot project and to inform you that we are proceeding with the necessary steps to meet the July 1, 1987 statewide implementation date.

BACKGROUND

The streamlined CA 7 pilot test started July 1, 1986 in five pilot counties: El Dorado, Kern, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Yolo. The pilot counties are collecting monthly statistical data regarding the form. This data includes, but is not limited to, the collection of data on any problems with the form, how often the form is received complete by the 11th of the month, the number of questions asked about the form and reasons why data is missing from or entered incorrectly on the form.

In September, three counties (Humboldt, Placer and San Joaquin) began collecting control data on the current CA 7 in order to provide comparison data for the new form. The control counties are collecting the same type of data as the pilot counties.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The first four months' pilot data indicate very few problems. On an average, 83% of the AFDC CA 7s are returned complete by the 11th of the month and an average of 97% are returned complete by the end of the month. For Non-Assistance Food Stamps the reports indicate that an average of 71% of the forms are returned complete by the 11th of the month and an average of 86% are returned complete by the end of the month.

The first two months of control county data indicate that 78% of the AFDC CA 7s were returned by the 11th of the month and 98% of the CA 7s were returned by the end of the month. Statistics for Non Assistance Food Stamps indicate that 68% of the CA 7s were returned by the 11th and 86% were returned complete by the end of the month.

So far, these statistics show that the streamlined CA 7 is being returned complete by the 11th more often than the current form.

Staff have visited all of the pilot counties gathering subjective data from the workers. On the whole the workers like the new form and feel that the clients like it as well.

REMAINING STEPS

- o Certain areas of the streamlined form have emerged as requiring revision. These areas have been analyzed and the form will be revised before statewide implementation on July 1, 1987.
- o In order to accommodate county printing needs to meet the July 1, 1987 implementation date, a final draft of the new form will be available by March 1, 1987.

Because of the July 1, 1987 statewide implementation date it is advised that counties be mindful of their existing CA 7 stock.

- o In order to allow for a standard completeness criteria for the monthly report form within the AFDC and Food Stamp Programs, a waiver has been granted for specific Food Stamp regulations. Food Stamp regulations will be revised by December 31, 1987 to support the standard definition of a complete monthly report form for both the AFDC and Food Stamp programs.

If you have any questions regarding the CA 7 pilot or the statewide implementation, please contact Barbara Cox of the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2014 or ATSS 454-2014.



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