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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-17-87

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT NOT EXPECTED (MINE) LIST FOR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-10-86, Dated February 6, 1986

This is to provide county welfare departments (CWDs) with advance notice of changes to the definition of and verification requirements for the elderly and disabled in the Food Stamp Program, which are retroactive to August 1, 1986. These changes are contained in the new proposed state regulations entitled "OBRA and Nondiscretionary #2" and were outlined in Item 4 on the attachment to All-County Information Notice I-10-86. The anticipated effective date for these regulations is April 1, 1987.

One of the changes to the definition of elderly or disabled (Section 63-102(e)) in the new regulations, specifies that two categories of disabled household members must have a permanent condition that meets a level of severity established by the Social Security Administration (SSA) under Section 221(1) of the Social Security Act. This notice transmits the list of these permanent conditions, which is published in the SSA's Program Operations Manual under the section "Medical Improvement Not Expected", more commonly referred to as the MINE list.

Although specific details for the implementation of these new regulations will not be provided until later this month, we are providing an advance copy of the MINE list for your reference until the implementation letter is issued. Advance release of this list is necessary as revised forms and eligibility worker instructions for the DFA 285-A2(2/87), Application for Food Stamps-Part 2, and the DFA 377.5(12/86), Food Stamp Household Change Report, will be transmitted to the CWDs independent of the implementation of the regulations. The MINE list is referenced in the eligibility worker instructions for each of these forms.

If you have any questions about the MINE list, the revisions to the DFA 285-A2(2/87) or the DFA 377.5(12/86), please contact Elizabeth Allred at (916) 323-4954 or ATSS 473-4954.

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Attachment

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THE MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT NOT EXPECTED (MINE) LIST *

The MINE list, developed by the Social Security Administration (SSA), applies to individuals with impairments in which no improvement is expected. These are extremely severe impairments determined on the basis of experience in administering the disability programs to be at least static, but more likely to be progressively disabling either by reason of the impairment itself or impairment complications and which are unlikely to improve so as to permit the individual to work at a level described by the SSA as Sustained Gainful Activity (SGA). Impairments which currently are not expected to improve are listed below.

MINE/Permanent Impairment Listing Codes

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Impa	irment and Number	Code
1.	Arthritis Of One Major Joint In Each Upper Extremity	1.04
2.	Disorders Of The Spine (Arthrilis Manifested By Ankylosis Or Fixation At 30 Degrees Or More)	1.05A
3.	Amputation Or Permanent Loss Of Use Of Two Limbs	1.09
4.	Amputation Of Leg At Hip	1,10A
5.	Amputation Of Leg Or Foot Because Of Diabetes Or Peripheral Vascular Disease	1.108
б.	Statutory Blindness, Except If Due To Cataracts Or Delached Retina - Markedly Reduced Ability To See Objects Not Correctable By Surgery, Other Treatment, Or Glasses	2.02, 2.03A/B
7.	Loss Of Visual Efficiency (Visual Efficiency Of Better Eye After Best Correction 20 Percent Or Less)	2.03C, 2.04
8.	Hearing Impairments (Hearing Not Restorable By A Hearing Aid)	2.08A/B
9.	Chronic Obstructive Airway Disease	3.02
10.	Ischemic Heart Disease With Chest Pain Of Cardiac Origin	4.04A/B
11.	Arteriosclerosis Obliterans Or Thromboangiitis	4.13

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Impairment and Number		
12.	Chronic Liver Disease With Esophageal Varices Resulting In Massive Hemorrhage Or Requiring Shunt Operation	5.05A/B
13.	Impaired Renal Function Due To Chronic Progressive Disease, Incurable Kidney Disease (Documented By Persistent Adverse Objective Findings) Resulting In Severely Reduced Function Which May Require Dialysis Or Transplant	6.02
14.	Diabetes Mellitus With Manifestations As Required By The Applicable Listing	9.08
15.	Central Nervous System Vascular Accident, With Manifestations As Required By The Applicable Listing More Than 3 Months Postvascular Accident	11.04
16.	Parkinsonian Syndrome, With Disturbance Of Movement, Gait, Or Station As Required By The Applicable Listing	
17.	Cerebral Palsy, With Manifestations As Required By The Applicable Listing	11.07
18.	Spinal Cord Or Nerve Root Lesion Resulting In Paraplegia Or Quadriplegia, Damage To The Spinal Cord Or Major Branches Resulting In Markedly Reduced Function In Two Or More Extremities	11 09
19.	Multiple Sclerosis, Damage To The Nervous System Due To Areas Of Inflammation Which Recur And May Progress To Interference With Function Of The Nervous System, Including Severe Weakness, Paralysis	
20.	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	
21.	Anterior Poliomyelitis, With Interference In Swallowing, Breathing, Speech, Or Motor Function As Described In The Applicable Listing	11.11
22.	Muscular Dystrophy, A Chronic Progressive Disease Causing Irreversible Wasting Of The Muscles With A Significant Effect On The Ability To Use The Arms And/Or Legs	11.13
23.	Degenerative Disease, Such As Huntington's Chorea, Friedreich's Ataxia, And Spinocerebellar Degeneration, With Manifestations As Required By The Applicable	
	Listing	11.17

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Impairment and Number		Listing Code
24,	Chronic Brain Syndrome (Organic Brain Syndrome) With Manifestations As Required By The Applicable Listing	12.02
25.	Functional Psychotic Disorders If Institutionalized In A Licensed Mental Hospital For Past 12 Months Without Releases That Would Indicate Improvement	12.03
26.	Functional Nonpsychotic Disorders If Institutionalized In A Licensed Mental Hospital For Past 12 Months Without Releases That Would Indicate Improvement	12.04
27.	Severe Mental Retardation, With Manifestations As Required By The Applicable Listing	12.05A, B or C
28.	Age 55 And Over With Following Condition That Meets Listing	
	 (a) Arthritis Of Major Weight Bearing Joint. (b) Organic Loss Of Speech. (c) Diffuse Pulmonary Fibrosis. (d) Other Restrictive Ventilatory Disorders. (e) Chronic Venous Insufficiency. (f) Scleroderma Or Progressive Systemic Sclerosis. (g) Tabes Dorsalis. (h) Subacute Combined Cord Degeneration. (i) Syringomyelia. (j) Ischemic Heart Disease (Chest Pain Of Cardiac Origin). 	2.09 3.04 3.05 4.12 10.05 11.15 11.16 11.19

NOTE: All Impairments listed above are applicable only to cases originally allowed as meeting the Listings. The impairments listed below do not have a specific listing equivalent.

29. Amputation Of A Limb, Current Age 55 Or Older.....

30. Age 55 And Over With Two Substantiated Myocardial Infarctions...