DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-103-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS



SUBJECT: AFDC AND FOOD STAMP COUNTY PAYMENT ERROR RATES: OCTOBER 1987 THROUGH MARCH 1988

This letter provides County payment error rates in the AFDC and Food Stamp programs for the period October 1987 through March 1988. Publishing County payment error rates is a part of a State corrective action plan which is intended to raise awareness among Counties about the importance of their error reduction efforts. In order to highlight their excellent performance, Counties achieving the lowest error rates are listed first.

It is commendable that over two-thirds of all Quality Control (QC) Counties have error rates at or below the Federal performance standard of 3.0 percent in the AFDC program. However, in the Food Stamp program, over two-thirds of Counties reporting results from the first County performed Food Stamp QC period show error rates over the Federal performance standard of 5.0 percent. As this new Food Stamp QC system begins to provide Counties with more reliable information about where error trends exist, appropriate corrective action may be taken. Therefore, I anticipate an improvement in the Food Stamp program in the future.

My staff is available to assist you in identifying problems and developing corrective actions. I urge you to use this resource, as well as to look to each other for ideas and encouragement. I hope that the Counties achieving low error rates will be willing to share their corrective actions through forums such as the Statewide Corrective Action Conference and the Corrective Action Clearinghouse. Welfare administration is truly a partnership endeavor and we must work together to achieve our error reduction goals.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your Corrective Action Bureau Consultant at (916) 445-4458.

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