

State of California Health and Welfare Agency

Department of Social Services



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-06-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AB 3647 - Food Stamp Program Information Act of 1988

This letter provides County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with information concerning Assembly Bill (AB) 3647 (Chapter 689, Statutes of 1988) which became effective on January 1, 1989. The bill revises a number of Welfare and Institution (W&I) Code sections. The one revision which directly impacts CWDs is the requirement that:

"Each county welfare department shall annually offer training on food stamp application procedures to homeless shelter operators...."

The Food Stamp Program Manual will be revised to incorporate this requirement. A handbook change should be released in approximately two months. CWDs may choose to begin offering the training prior to this change.

Additionally, AB 3647 makes the following changes:

- o Eliminates the previous W&I Code prohibition against the administration of outreach programs. Although the Department has no immediate plans, the bill allows the State "to conduct outreach programs to the extent permitted by federal law and eligible for federal financial participation."
- o Requires the State to develop expedited services information targeted to the homeless population and to make the information available to community agencies serving the homeless. As indicated in ACIN I-79-88, dated August 18, 1988, the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) developed the poster "Are You Homeless?", PUC 176 (7/88), and distributed copies to homeless shelters.
- o Removes the sunset clause on provisions included in Welfare and Institution Code Section 18911. As a result, CWDs are to continue to maintain a list of emergency food providers and provide the list and nonpromotional information on legal service and welfare rights organizations to individuals, upon request. Also, CWDs are to provide food stamp applications to all interested parties and to process applications within 30 days from the date of application.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Maria Tarango, Food Stamp Policy Bureau, at (916) 324-6845.

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Deputy Director

cc: CWDA