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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-31-96

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS



REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: NOTICES OF ACTION (NOA) MESSAGES FOR RECENT
REGULATION CHANGES IN THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT
CHILDREN (AFDC) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the attached NOA messages affected by past changes to the AFDC regulations. As a result of these changes, the CDSS developed one new NOA message and revised six current NOA messages. The following is a synopsis of the regulation changes and the applicable All-County Letter/All-County Information Notice (ACL/ACIN). Attachment I is a cover sheet listing each NOA message and whether it is new or revised.

CHILD CARE DISREGARD-NET INCOME ACL 95-78 Dated 12/18/95

The child care disregard section of the AFDC regulations was simplified by establishing a \$175 limit for each child or incapacitated adult and a \$200 limit for each child under the age of two. This revision eliminated the one dollar (\$1.00) difference in disregards for less than 100 hours and 13 days of work per month.

SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE (SCC) PROGRAM ACL 95-19 Dated 5/10/95

The requirement that SCC eligibility be based on the receipt of the child care disregard was eliminated.

**ASSISTANCE UNIT (AU) COMPOSITION ACL 94-91 Dated 10/31/94,
ACIN I-45-94 Dated 12/7/94**

A new federal policy changed AFDC regulations for determining AFDC-Family Group (FG) eligibility of a caretaker relative when a dependent child is eligible for foster care benefits. This policy added clarifying language to the "Included Persons" section of the regulations.

OVERPAYMENT RECOUPMENT ACL 95-55 Dated 9/20/95

A federal policy clarification changed AFDC regulations and created a priority order for counties to use when collecting overpayments. Now counties must first seek recoupment from the caretaker relative recipient. Furthermore, collection from the other members of the overpaid AU is not initiated until all efforts to collect from the caretaker relative recipient are exhausted.

Camera-ready copies of the NOA messages in Cambodian, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese will be available upon request through the Language Services Bureau approximately 30 days from the date of this letter.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure

ATTACHMENT I

NOTICE OF ACTION (NOA) MESSAGES

M44-113F - Child Care Disregard - Change

The M44-113F message is obsolete because the section of the regulations which had the \$1 difference in disregards based on work hours/days was eliminated.

M44-113A (5/96) - Disallowance - Change

The M44-113A message was revised to take out language from the second check box indicating the Supplemental Child Care payment is dependent on receiving the child care disregard.

M40-118A (5/96) - Application Processing - Deny

The M40-118A message was revised to add language regarding the caretaker relative of a dependent foster care child.

M82-820A (5/96) - AU Composition - Deny

The M82-820A message was revised to add language regarding the caretaker relative of a dependent foster care child.

M82-820B (5/96) - Application Processing - Discontinue

The M82-820B message was revised to add language regarding the caretaker relative of a dependent foster care child.

M82-820C (5/96) - AU Composition - Discontinue

The M82-820C message was revised to add language regarding the child getting foster care.

M44-352D (2/96) - Overpayment Recovery - Change

The M44-352D message was developed to accommodate the starting and stopping of grant adjustment depending on the disposition of the caretaker relative.