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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-51

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLE VALUATION IN AFDC

REFERENCE: EAS 42-215.4

This year the State Department of Motor Vehicles is converting to a system of staggered year-around registration which will allow an even number of vehicles to be registered each month. The fees paid during this interim period will be a proration of the annual 1976 license fee over periods between seven and eighteen months long. These prorated fees are printed on the renewal form and are clearly marked as "TOTAL FEE DUE." Since this prorated fee does not reflect the regular annual license fee, it cannot be used in determining the value of a motor vehicle for AFDC purposes. In the future, the annual license fee rates will change effective the first of each year, as they always have, but vehicle owners will be billed for these new fees throughout the rest of the year. For this reason, the registration fee shown on an applicant's or recipient's vehicle registration form will no longer be a reliable guide in determining a vehicle's value for AFDC purposes.

Therefore, in order to apply the information from the recipient's current DMV registration card as indicated in EAS 42-215.51, it is necessary to refer to the Vehicle License Fee Rate Table to obtain the annual fee rate to use in applying EAS 42-215.4 in determining the value of a motor vehicle.

The enclosed tables list annual license fees (without weight fees and the \$11 registration fee) for all motor vehicles which had an original purchase price of less than \$10,000 and either bear a two-letter class designation or the body classification "CCHMP" (trailer coaches). These tables are derived from DMV license fee tables (DMV forms REG 200 and 359).

Table 1, entitled "Vehicle License Fee Rate Table," lists the annual vehicle license fee schedules (without weight fees and the \$11 registration fee) for motor vehicles bearing a two-letter class designation. These include all motor vehicles except motor boats, airplanes and trailer coaches.

Since this table is designed to be updated annually the specific year designations have been left blank. To use this table for calendar year 1976, mark the left-hand column 1976 in pencil. Then fill in the columns from left to right with each preceding year (1975, 1974, etc.). The right-hand column will read

"1968 and prior." The table is now ready for use. To update the table in 1977 and subsequent years, erase the previous year designations, enter the new year in the left-hand column and fill in the preceding years (for example, 1977 through 1969 and prior).

The client's vehicle registration form will show both the year the vehicle was first sold and its class designation (AA, AB, etc.). By matching the line on the table corresponding to the vehicle's class designation to the column for the year of first sale, the annual license fee can be determined. In 1976, for example, a vehicle classed AQ which was first sold in 1969 would have an annual license fee of \$5. When a motor vehicle is first purchased by a government agency and then sold to the public at a later date, the year of the second sale is used to determine its fee and is noted on the registration form by an asterisk (*).

Table II, entitled "CCHMP," shows the license fees for "trailer coaches" (large trailers and mobile homes) with an original purchase price of less than \$10,000 and bearing the body classification CCHMP. This table is used only for determining the license fees of these vehicles and can be used in accordance with the instructions given above for Table I. In filling in the year designations, however, do not go back beyond 1966, since this table is only effective for trailers first sold in 1966 and thereafter.

To determine the license fee of a trailer first purchased in 1965 or previously, or a motor vehicle with a class designation higher than CH, please contact your local DMV office. If you have any questions regarding the proper use of the enclosed charts, contact your AFDC Management Consultant.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

cc: CWDA