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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-94

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN FOOD STAMP WORKFARE

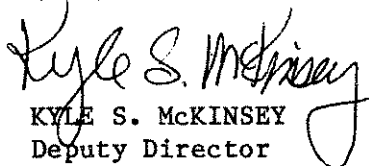
REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER 83-15

On February 28, 1983, the Department of Social Services (DSS) issued All-County Letter 83-15 containing information on the Food Stamp (FS) Workfare Program as provided in federal regulations. This letter instructed counties planning to operate a FS Workfare Program to provide financial information as part of the Cost Control process in case State funds were appropriated for the program in FY 83/84. Fifteen counties responded to this information by indicating their interest in establishing FS Workfare programs and providing the corresponding requests for funding.

After careful review of budget priorities and the projected cost benefit of FS Workfare, the Administration decided not to proceed with a request to the Legislature for State financial participation in the FS Workfare Program in FY 83/84. As you know, the Administration is proposing a state-wide AFDC Community Work Experience Program (CWEP) as part of its Welfare Reform Proposal. This program provides an opportunity to achieve significant savings in both the AFDC and Food Stamp Programs. In view of the limited State funds available, the Administration has decided to devote the State's resources to CWEP.

It should be noted that while State participation in FS Workfare will not be provided during FY 83/84, the 50 percent federal share will be available to counties that wish to operate this program. Federal financial participation would be conditioned upon approval of individual county plans by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) as provided in the federal regulations governing the program.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Judith McGillivray of the Employment Programs Bureau, at (916) 323-5206.


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