## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 84-124

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DARCES V. WOODS

REFERENCE: ACIN 1-50-84

This is to inform you that on November 1, 1984 a judgment was issued in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County in the case of <u>Darces</u> v. <u>Woods</u>. A copy of the judgment is attached.

The judgment applies to AFDC and (1) requires the Department to allow for the needs of an undocumented minor in the home when determining the income of the minor's parent and (2) permanently enjoins the Department from assuming income to be available to the assistance unit which is not actually available because it is being used to meet the needs of the parent's unaided, undocumented minor child(ren). The judgment is effective November 1, 1984.

Specific instructions for computing eligibility and benefits in accordance with the terms of the <u>Darces</u> judgment are being developed and will be provided to you in a <u>subsequent All-County Letter</u>. In order to assist in the implementation once instructions are provided, counties must immediately begin to flag cases in which the following actions were or will be taken from November 1, 1984 forward:

- Applications denied or aid terminated for the sole reason of excess income where the family includes an unaided, undocumented alien minor.
- Suspensions and grant reductions in continuing cases due to an increase in in the parent's income when there is an unaided, undocumented alien minor in the family.

In addition, when the county is taking case actions other than those mentioned above, but determines that the case could be affected by the Darces judgment, that case must also be flagged. In order to ascertain county compliance, we request that you complete and return the attached certification form no later than two weeks following receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please call Mara Jukich, AFDC Program Development

Bureau, at/(916) 322-5387.

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Attachments