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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-40

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: LAW CHANGE CONCERNING CONCILIATION ACTIVITIES FOR GAIN
VOLUNTEERS

This is to inform you of a change in State statute and the Department's implementation plans. Effective January 1, 1989, AB 3932 (Chapter 897, Statutes of 1988) changed current GAIN law concerning volunteers who fail to appear for a scheduled appointment prior to entering a basic contract.

Previous law and current regulations require Counties to conduct cause determinations when a volunteer does not appear for a scheduled appointment prior to entering a contract. A County is also required to conduct conciliation activities if no good cause for the volunteer's failure to appear is found.

AB 3932 added Section 11320.61 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, which reads:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who is not required to register under this article but who volunteers to participate in the program established by this article and fails to appear for a scheduled appointment prior to entering into the basic contract shall be deemed to not be subject to the requirements of this article and the conciliation efforts and sanction requirements established under Section 11320.6 shall not apply.

Regulations to implement this law will be filed through the regular (non-emergency) regulations process. In the interim, Counties should not continue to conduct cause determinations and conciliation activities nor impose sanctions for volunteers who have not entered into a contract since those activities are no longer supported by State statute.

If you have further questions regarding the implementation of these provisions, please contact your GAIN Operations Analyst at (916) 324-6962.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. J. Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "Boyle".

DENNIS J. BOYLE
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA