

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



September 24, 1993

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 93-74

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- | | | State Law Change
- | | | Federal Law or Regulation Change
- | | | Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- | | | Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- | | | Initiated by SDSS

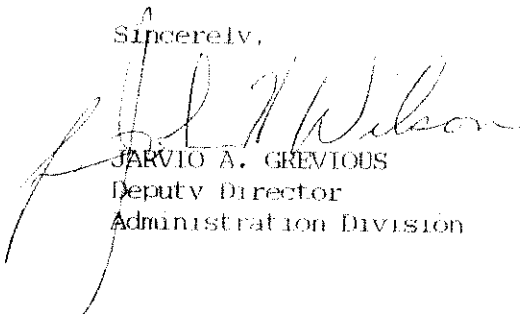
SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

The purpose of this letter is to advise county welfare department Civil Rights Coordinators of the requirement to immediately forward all discrimination complaints to the California State Department of Social Services, Civil Rights Bureau, when the basis of discrimination is Age, and the program affected is the Food Stamp program. These cases will then be forwarded to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Civil Rights Office, Western Region. The county will not investigate these complaints as they will be investigated by the USDA Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). Our Department recently received a letter from (USDA/FNS) directing us to process these cases in this manner.

For purposes of clarification, we wish to identify the types of cases that fall within this category. It includes those complaints where the basis for the alleged discrimination and the allegations relate to actions taken involving the Food Stamp program. If a complaint involves more than one program, such as AFDC, FS and Medi-Cal, the county will investigate the allegations that relate to the AFDC and Medi-Cal programs, but advise CDSS/CRB of the allegations that relate to the Food Stamp program and these will be forwarded to USDA/FNS and investigated by FMCS.

If you have questions regarding this ACL, contact your civil rights liaison analyst at (916) 654-2107.

Sincerely,



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