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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-02-10

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: EXCLUSION FROM INCOME AND RESOURCES/PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS

REFERENCE: THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) OF 2009 (P.L. 111-5) FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION FUND

This notice provides information and instruction to counties regarding the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund created by ARRA. The law provides for certain veterans who served in the military of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines during World War II and the spouses of those veterans to receive a one-time payment of up to \$15,000. ARRA additionally provided that these benefits are not to be used to determine eligibility for or amount of benefits in any federal program.

The County Welfare Departments (CWDs) therefore are instructed to exclude these veterans' payments from income and resources when determining eligibility and allotments per MPP section 63-507. Provisions in ARRA were effective April 1, 2009; therefore, CWDs must determine if any retroactive payments were received since April 1, 2009. CWDs are only required to review cases for retroactive payments at recertification, or when it is discovered that a Filipino veteran received a payment from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund. If a payment is discovered, CWDs must determine if the payment was excluded from income and resources and take corrective action to restore benefits, if necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Thomason, Food Stamp Policy Implementation Unit, at (916) 657-2630 or by e-mail at: Alicia.thomason@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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