

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-53-00

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

SUBJECT: IDENTIFYING CENSUS WORKERS
 AND PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT

REFERENCE: ACL 00 -18 TREATMENT OF CENSUS INCOME IN THE FOOD
 STAMP PROGRAM

As previously stated in ACL 00-18, California agreed to participate in a demonstration project administered by the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) under which the earnings of temporary census workers are excluded as income in the Food Stamp Program. This letter provides additional FNS information regarding procedures for identifying temporary census employees and their period of employment.

IDENTIFYING TEMPORARY CENSUS EMPLOYEES

Identification of temporary census workers should not be a problem in most cases. The Bureau of the Census will pay the majority of temporary census employees, and the pay statements of those employees should indicate that they are hired for Census 2000. However, in those cases where the pay statement does not contain sufficient information, counties are permitted to obtain alternative verification (e.g., written statement from the employee's supervisor or from the office at the census center), so long as the case file is documented.

PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT

As stated in ACL 00-18, for purposes of the demonstration project, all temporary census employees are entitled to the income exclusion effective February 1, 2000. FNS has informed us that this exclusion applies to temporary employees hired either before or after the effective date and that it has eliminated the 180 day maximum employment period previously identified in ACL 00-18.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ernie Villalobos of the Food Stamp Policy Implementation Unit at (916) 657-1680.

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