

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 109-79

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF HR 4057

REFERENCE:

Effective January 1, 1980, the provisions of HR 4057 that deal with medical/shelter deductions must be implemented nationwide. The intent of this letter is to alert you as far in advance as possible to the impact these new regulations will have upon your county's work load.

For those counties who have been tracking legislation, the elements of HR 4318 related to medical and shelter deductions were incorporated in to HR 4057. Counties will be required to make adjustments to households which contain a person who is 60 or over or who, regardless of age, is disabled and receiving disability payments from Social Security (other disability payments, such as Workers' Compensation, private disability insurance, etc., do not make a recipient eligible). This law does not change the status of California as a cash-out state in the SSI/SSP program. Therefore, as before, no SSI/SSP recipient is eligible for the Food Stamp Program.

The new regulations resulting from HR 4057 provide for eligible recipients to receive medical deductions for expenses that exceed \$35 a month and in addition, remove the ceiling of \$90 per month on excess shelter costs, However, the \$90 ceiling on dependent care remains.

At the present time we are operating with only draft regulations. Information will soon be forthcoming regarding an implementation schedule. It appears there may be provisions for an implementation period of perhaps three months. Since the time period to adopt these new regulations is short, counties may wish to begin flagging any cases which come up for review (due to new application, recertification and reported changes) so that during implementation, cases will be readily identifiable as needing or not needing adjustment.

All County Information Notice No. 1-103-79 has been issued regarding the **new standard utility rate** Counties which are not on automated case budgeting will be making budget adjustments on individual cases and can use this opportunity to review cases for potential eligibility for the revised medical/shelter deductions.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please contact your food stamp consultant.

Sincerely,


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cc: CWDA