

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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## ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-34-79

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

## REFERENCE:

This is to inform you that, effective July 1, 1979, the Department of Social Services will require an annual report from the county welfare departments on the following child support activities:

1. The number of AFDC cases in which refusal to cooperate in establishing paternity and securing child support occurred; and,
2. The number of cases in which good cause for refusing to cooperate was determined.

This report is required due to Department of Health, Education and Welfare "good cause" regulations (Section 45 - CFR 232.48) dated October 3, 1978. Complete instructions for reporting the data, which will cover the July-September quarter each year, will be sent to you by June 1, 1979.

Additionally, the CFR required that each state shall maintain records of "good cause" activities. These requirements have been incorporated into the State regulations issued on January 12, 1979, (See All-County Information Notice 1-8-79).

The following information items are to be a part of the child support file and should be maintained in the individual case records so that the data can be retrieved, if necessary.

1. Cases in which the applicant or recipient -
  - . Claimed good cause for refusing to cooperate (EAS 43-107.21);
  - . Made the claim without corroborative evidence under the provisions of Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS 43-107.444);
  - . Made the claim prior to receiving AFDC and the final determination that good cause did not exist was made after the applicant was determined eligible for AFDC.

2. Cases in which the applicant or recipient was found to have good cause for refusing to cooperate -
  - . Based solely on an examination of the corroborative evidence supplied by the applicant or recipient and no investigation;
  - . Without corroborative evidence under the provisions of EAS 43-107.444;
  - . And which of the circumstances specified in EAS 43-107.444 was found **to exist**;
  - . But there was a determination pursuant to EAS 43-107.463 that child support enforcement may proceed without the participation of the caretaker relative.

If you have questions or wish additional information, please contact Beth MacIntosh of the Statistical Services Bureau at (916) 322-5462.

Sincerely,

R. E. Reich

Deputy Director  
Administration Division

cc: CWDA