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DSS ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-21-80

. DHS LETTER NO. 80-6

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR STATE RENTER'S CREDIT

REFERENCE:

AFDC - 44-111.3(k) (Amended)
42-213.2(x) (Adopted)
Food Stamps - 63-502.2(h) (Current)
63-501.11 (Current)
APSB - 47-413.2(s) (Amended)
47-711.2(h) (Adopted)
Medi-Cal - Article 9C, Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedural Manual
(Amended)

Senate Bill 925, effective January 1, 1980, permits public assistance recipients who rent to receive a State Renter's Credit of up to \$137 for tax year 1979. The credit is exempt from consideration as income and resources in AFDC, Medi-Cal, and APSB. For Food Stamps, the credit is exempt from consideration as income but is to be considered a resource. Revised regulations to exempt the credit from consideration as a resource in AFDC and APSB should be issued in March. Revisions to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedural Manual to exempt this credit will be issued in Manual Letter No. 24.

A stuffer notice (copy attached) is being sent with all March Medi-Cal cards to inform recipients that they may be eligible for the credit. The notice also informs recipients that they must report the receipt of the Renter's Credit, just as they report other income.

The Renter's Credit is available either as a credit against income tax due, or a cash payment in the absence of a tax liability. The tax refund check itself does not break out the amount of the Renter's Credit. The best way to determine the actual amount of the credit is to review a copy of the completed Individual Income Tax Form 540, Line 53 or the Renter's Credit Claim Form 540 RC.

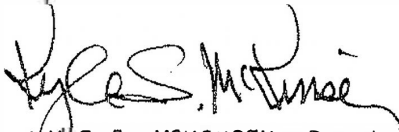
In addition, money received from the Franchise Tax Board through the Renter's or Homeowner's Assistance Program (which affects the disabled, the blind, and persons 62 or more years old), and the Senior Citizen's Property Tax Postponement Program are treated in the same way as the Renter's Credit.

If you have any questions about the Renter's Credit, Homeowner's Assistance Program or Senior Citizen's Property Tax Postponement, please contact your Program Management Consultant:

AFDC - (916) 445-4458
Food Stamps - (916) 322-5475
APSB - (916) 322-6636

or your Medi-Cal Field Representative (916) 445-1797 or 445-1912.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: CWDA