

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-39-82

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PRIOR APPROVAL NEEDED TO REDUCE CERTIFICATION AND ISSUANCES SERVICES

REFERENCE: ACL 80-32

This notice is to remind counties of the points and hours provision in Section 63-205.3 of the Food Stamp Manual, which was effective June 1, 1981. By this regulation counties may not reduce the level of certification and issuance services below the number of sites and hours of operation which were available during January, 1980 without prior approval from the State Department of Social Services and the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.

While it is anticipated that federal proposed regulations may allow more flexibility to the state agency in the area of granting exceptions to points and hours requirements, final state regulations are not expected to be released until late next year.

In the meantime, requests for exceptions to the points and hours requirement must be justified in terms of the following criteria identified in Section 63-205.311:

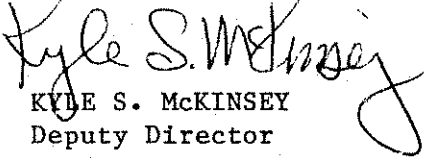
- a) A county can demonstrate that the caseload has changed in size or locations; thus warranting a change in services, or
- b) A county can demonstrate that the proposed change in the level of service would result in an improved level of certification and/or issuance services.

Those counties who have already made adjustments to their January, 1980 service plan, and have not yet submitted a request, must do so immediately. Please refer to your Certification and Issuance Service Plan which was requested per the above mentioned ACL 80-32 for the site number and hours of operation on record with this department.

Written justification should be submitted to:

State Department of Social Services  
Food Stamp Operations Bureau  
744 P Street, MS 15-54  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Any questions you may have in this regard should be directed to your Food Stamp Program Operations Consultant at (916) 322-5475.



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