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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 13-83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

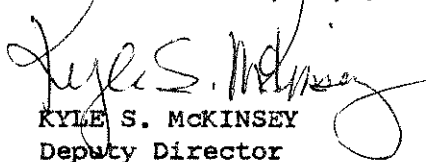
SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF COMPUTER DOCUMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to remind all appropriate counties to verify the accuracy of computer turnaround documents when food stamp Social Security numbers (SSNs) are entered into the county computer data base.

The State Department of Social Services was recently provided the results of an income match audit conducted by the Office of Inspector General/United States Department of Agriculture (OIG/USDA). The objective of the audit was to identify food stamp recipients in ten counties who fraudulently received benefits by not reporting their earnings to the eligibility worker. Using earnings information from various computer data base sources, such as the State Employment Development Department, Office of Personnel Management, and Navy Finance Center, OIG validated the wages reported by food stamp recipients to determine if any benefits were overissued. In order to access these sources, a correct recipient SSN provided by the county was mandatory. Although OIG received earnings information in most instances, there were some cases that had to be dropped from their review. These were cases where the recipient SSN in the case record was incorrectly recorded in the county data base. For example, the case file showed one recipient's SSN as 566-70-1674, but the county's data base showed the same recipient's SSN as 566-70-1764. These types of SSN errors could have been promptly corrected if the eligibility worker had reviewed the computer turnaround documents for input errors.

As you know all states are mandated to implement food stamp income matching which includes entry of food stamp SSNs in computer data bases. Accurate SSNs are critical to any wage match system. Counties should ensure that turnaround documents containing SSNs are verified for correctness of information including SSNs. Without this basic procedure, SSNs used in wage matching may be incorrect and could reduce the effectiveness of the system.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Food Stamp Operations Consultant at (916) 322-5475.


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