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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 10-86

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: UPCOMING FOOD STAMP PROGRAM REGULATION CHANGES

This letter is to provide county welfare departments (CWDs) with advance information on changes to the Food Stamp Program contained in the federal Farm Bill (HR 2100) which was recently signed into law. The attached chart displays these changes and shows the federal implementation dates for each provision. Most of the changes are to be implemented by April 1, 1987, however, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has indicated that in addition to the provisions listed below some other provisions may become effective prior to April 1, 1987. The following changes become effective on May 1, 1986:

Deductions From Income

- 1) The earned income deduction will be raised from 18% to 20%.
- 2) The excess shelter deduction will be increased from \$139 to \$147 and will no longer be combined with the dependent care deduction.
- 3) A separate dependent care deduction will be allowed and will be capped at \$160.

Resource Limitations

- 1) Households which do not contain a member age 60 or older will have their resource limit raised from \$1500 to \$2000.
- 2) Households which consist of or include a member age 60 or over will have a \$3000 resource limit. (Currently, only households with two or more members are eligible for the \$3000 limit if at least one member is age 60 or over. This change will permit a one person household to be eligible for the \$3000 limit if that person is age 60 or older).

FNS does not anticipate publishing federal rules on the May 1, 1986 changes until April 1, 1986. The Department will be processing emergency regulations to effect these changes and will also provide CWDS with any other specific implementation instructions and information on any other changes as soon as possible. Information regarding the new employment and training program requirements will be provided later.

Any questions related to information contained in this letter should be directed to Debra Sanchez or Jolaine Beers, Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau, at (916) 445-6907.



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Attachment