STATE OF CALIFORNIA-HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I -120-86

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP QUALITY CONTROL RESULTS (OCTOBER 1985 - MARCH 1986)

For your information and planning purposes we are transmitting Table 5E of the Quality Control Information System which summarizes Food Stamp Quality Control error rates for the six month period noted above, also referred to as Period 13.

Please note that the county error rates shown in the last column of Table 5E are statistically meaningful only for Los Angeles and San Diego counties and the eleven counties (identified by an asterisk on the attached page) which have expanded quality control samples. Statistical validity is lacking for the other county error rates because the number of reviewed cases is small. For nonexpanded counties, some idea of relative county performance can be deduced from the error rates located in the Case Error Rate column.

The statewide payment error rate for Period 13 has again increased, to 8.0 percent unregressed (see the last column of Table 5E attached, entitled Ineligible/Overissuance Error Rate). This represents a percentage point increase of .94 over Period 12 and a 1.8 percentage point increase over Period 11. In addition, the historical result of regression has been an increase of approximately one percentage point in the error rate.

We are deeply concerned about the last two statewide payment error rates and we must continue to find ways to reverse this upward trend. We look forward to receiving your next Food Stamp corrective action plan which is due in February 1987. Your Food Stamp Coordinator will receive, under separate cover, the specific information concerning when the CAP is due and how it is to be prepared.

If you have any questions or desire assistance in corrective action planning, please contact your corrective action consultant at (916) 445-4458.

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