

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-99-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP APPLICATIONS IN SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-113-86, Dated December 9, 1986
ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-160, Dated December 18, 1987

This notice updates and supplements information provided in All County Information Notice (ACIN) I-113-86, regarding the availability of food stamp applications in Social Security Administration (SSA) district offices.

Because of concerns and a possible lawsuit at the national level, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) regional office asked that the Department review "state procedures addressing the opportunity for households to apply for food stamp benefits at local SSA offices and what, if any, agreements have been established between local SSA offices and your State."


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As explained in ACIN I-113-86, SSA's field offices are required to provide applications to Title II applicants who appear potentially eligible for food stamps. In August 1988, at our request, SSA issued a Memorandum that advised its field offices that, although Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and those who have received award letters are not eligible for food stamps, some SSI applicants may be eligible for food stamps. The field offices were further advised that SSI applicants could be given information about the food stamp program and even an application, although there was no SSA regulatory obligation to do so.

CWDs are reminded that local SSA field offices cannot be asked not to provide a copy of the DFA 285-A1 to clients. Any application received from a household where a member(s) has applied for SSI must be processed according to the provisions of the Manual of Policies and Procedures Sections 63-402.225 and 63-503.

Stock of the revised Application for Food Stamps-Part 1 (DFA 285-A1)(7/88) were attached to the recent SSA memorandum provided to each SSA field office. If an applicant submits a prior version of the application, CWDA must follow the procedures outlined in All County Letter No. 87-160, "Expedited Services" (page 4, bullet three).

If you have any questions about this notice, please feel free to call Ms. Elizabeth Allred at (916) 323-4954.



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