

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



January 23, 1991

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-05-91

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE DOG SPECIAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

This notice is to inform you of changes that have occurred with the state Guide Dog Special Allowance (GDSA) Program (reference W&I Code Section 12553 and MPP Section 46-430). As you know, this program provided \$30 per month to blind recipients of SSI/SSP and IHSS to purchase dog food for their guide dogs. The passage of state legislation, AB 4241 (Chapter 871) expanded the GDSA Program to include disabled recipients who have signal or service dogs.


Effective January 1, 1991, the GDSA Program became the Assistance Dog Special Allowance (ADSA) Program. Expansion of the program provides for the allowance to be used for care and maintenance of the assistance dog in addition to purchasing dog food. The allowance increased to \$40 per month beginning January 1, 1991 and will be increased to \$50 per month beginning July 1, 1991. An informational notice to inform eligible recipients about this program will be sent in the mail with the February Medi-Cal cards.

Notwithstanding MPP 46-430.3, State Department of Social Services (SDSS) will pay assistance to eligible recipients who have signal and service dogs effective January 1, 1991, if their application is received by SDSS by February 28, 1991.

Although this is a state administered program, counties are responsible for assisting recipients with the completion of their applications when they request it. A small supply of applications is enclosed for your convenience. For additional applications or information regarding the Assistance Dog Special Allowance Program, Please contact

the Adult Program Management Bureau, 744 P Street, MS 12-55, Sacramento, CA
95814, (916) 324-4184.

Sincerely,



ROBERT A. HOVEL
Deputy Director

Enclosure has been removed because it is out of date. The current forms can be found
at the [Assistance Dog Special Allowance Program page](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/assistance-dogs):
<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/assistance-dogs>

cc: CWDA