

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-54-92

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: FORMS, NOTICES, AND CHARTS RELEVANT TO THE AFDC/RCA PROGRAM CHANGES REQUIRED BY THE RECENTLY ENACTED STATE BUDGET

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) I-49-92
ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 92-78

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information and materials you will need to implement AFDC changes required by the recently enacted State Budget and the accompanying legislation, SB 485, Chapter 722, Statutes of 1992 as well as the 1991 amendments to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 11201.5 (100 Hour Rule). As we informed you in ACIN I-49-92, the changes which could take effect as early as December 1, 1992 are:

MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT (MAP) REDUCTION

The provision requires a 1.3 percent reduction to the MAP levels. For your information the 1.3 percent reduction is computed against the June 1992 MAP levels and then subtracted from the October 1992 level. This reduction, along with the 4.5 percent reduction effective October 1, 1992, produces a 5.8 percent total reduction to the MAP that was in effect prior to October 1, 1992.

RELOCATION FAMILY GRANT (RFG)

This provision restricts the grant amount to either the California computed grant or the MAP amount from the prior state of residence (plus California special needs, if applicable), whichever is less. This rule provides that when an AU does not contain any member who has lived in California for at least 12 months, the AU's grant will be determined using the RFG rule. The RFG rule will continue to apply until at least one member of the AU has resided in California for 12 consecutive months.

ELIMINATION OF THE 100-HOUR RULE

This provision requires the elimination of the 100-hour work limit for AFDC-U recipient cases. This means that AFDC-U principal earner recipients may work over

100 hours in a month and still remain eligible to AFDC-U. However, the 100-hour limit will continue to apply to AFDC-U applicant cases as a means of establishing unemployed parent deprivation.

ATTACHMENTS

We are providing the following attachments to allow counties sufficient lead-time to plan for implementation and training of staff.

NOTE: If voters approve the Government Accountability and Taxpayers Protection Act (GATPA) in the November 3, 1992 election, Attachments I through VI will not be implemented. We would then provide you with new instructions and material as soon as possible.

GENERAL MASS INFORMING NOTICE - TEMP BC 1 (Attachment I)

The language on this notice is intended to serve the same purpose for the 1.3 percent reduction as it did for the 4.5 percent reduction. The 1.3 percent rollback notice should be used to give advance warning to mitigate the impact on the Cash Aid population. We recommend that you utilize this notice to alert Cash Aid recipients of the MAP rollback, to enable them to both plan ahead and to address their questions to the State. The notice has the State's special toll-free number. In addition, information about the RFG and the elimination of the 100-Hour rule has been included.

AFDC PAYMENT STANDARD TABLE (Attachment II)

Attachment II is the AFDC Payment Standard Table containing the 1.3 percent reduction.

MAP CHART FOR OTHER STATES AND U.S. TERRITORIES (Attachment III)

This chart, used in conjunction with the RFG Rule, provides the MAP amounts for the other states and U.S. Territories.

NOTE: The amounts will be updated semi-annually effective each April 1st and October 1st. This is a change from the draft regulations transmitted in ACIN I-49-92, which stated that the amounts would be updated on an annual basis.

AFDC NOAS (Attachment IV)

Attachment IV contains seven reproducible copies of AFDC NOA forms and two NOA message documents with implementing instructions for the Budget changes.

AFDC FORMS (Attachment V)

Attachment V contains the forms BC JA 2 SUP (11/92), Supplemental Statement of Facts - Cash Aid, Relocation Family Grant (RFG) and the BC CA 30 (11/92) (Budget Change), Budget Worksheet. The BC JA 2 SUP provides information about the RFG and collects the necessary information to determine if the RFG applies. This supplemental form is to be used in conjunction with the JA 2, the CA 8 and the CA 8A. The BC CA 30 Budget Worksheet will implement the RFG provisions. Counties may locally reproduce

stock of the CA 30, BC JA 2 SUP and the NA 200. If you need camera ready copies of these forms, please call the Forms Management Bureau at (916) 657-1984.

Counties will need to locally reproduce 6-8 weeks of stock of the BC JA 2 SUP. State produced stock of a revised JA 2 will go to print on November 4, 1992 with stock expected to be shipped to the counties in December 1992.

Counties that order state reproduced stock of the JA 2 are asked to submit a GEN 727 B, County Forms Order, to the Department of Social Services Warehouse, with the Form Name and Number as follows: "WRDP/BC JA 2 (11/92)." Please limit your GEN 727 B request to the WRDP/BC JA 2 only and submit your order by November 25, 1992. Also, please limit your initial stock amount to a three month supply of the WRDP/BC JA 2. After you receive your initial order, you can submit a new GEN 727 (B) for an additional three month supply of forms.

TRANSLATIONS (Attachment VI)

Attachment VI contains reproducible copies of the Spanish language mass informing notice, the BC JA 2 SUP, and the seven NOA forms. Camera ready copies of these documents in Spanish, Vietnamese, Lao, Cambodian and Chinese will be forwarded under separate cover by the Language Services Bureau.

FOOD STAMPS

Adjustments to Food Stamp benefits made as a result of the reduction in Cash Aid levels shall be handled as a mass change as specified in M.S. 63-504.392. The general mass informing notice (Attachment I) contains the Food Stamp information necessary to inform recipients of the changes. An individual Notice of Increased Benefits (DFA 377.4) is not required.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need further information regarding the Budget changes, please contact the following staff of the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916)654-2137 or CALNET 464-2137: MAP Reduction/Relocation Family Grant: Jane Laciste; 100 Hour Rule/Relocation MAP Chart: Yvonne Lee; NOAS: John Honeycutt; Forms/Notices: Elizabeth Allred. For Food Stamp Program questions, please contact Suzanne McNamee at (916)657-3815. For questions related to translations, please contact Armand Herra at (916) 654-1286.

Sincerely,



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