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

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-50-95

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

## REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL State Law Change Ľ 1 Federal Law or Regulation [ [ ] ] Change 1 Court Order or Settlement ſ 1 Agreement ] Clarification Requested by ſ One or More Counties 1 Initiated by CDSS TX1

SUBJECT: REVISION OF THE DE 8720 AND STANDARDIZATION OF THE ABSTRACT REQUEST FORMAT

The DE 8720 form is used to obtain information from the Employment Development Department (EDD) on wages or unemployment and disability benefits payment history. This process is primarily used in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Food Stamp Programs to verify applicant and recipient information that is not currently available through the Income Eligibility Verification System. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of a change in this process.

Beginning October 1, 1995, the EDD implemented its redesigned abstract system. Any request via the old format on or after October 1, 1995, will not be processed. An additional form, the DE 8720A, has been added for requesting wage specific quarter information only. Advanced copies of these forms and instructions were sent to county IEVS coordinators in September 1995. Please note that the Customer Code, Item 4a., on both the DE 8720 and DE 8720A, will always be E00055 for all counties. The Preparer Code, Item 4b., on both the DE 8720 and DE 8720A, will be your county number in the first two boxes. It is very important that all staff using these forms are aware of the special county code requirement since it is not stated on the reverse side of the form as part of the instruction for Item 4b. The last two boxes of Item 4b. may contain any combination of numeric and/or alphabetic characters to assist in distributing products throughout your organization. We are including examples, Attachments 1 and 2, for your reference. An initial supply of forms is included with this mailing. You may also make photocopies if your supply runs low. Additional supplies can be ordered from the CDSS Warehouse. Their address is:

> California Department of Social Services Warehouse P. O. Box 22429 Sacramento, CA 95822-3799



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Users requesting abstract products via 9-track tape, disk and/or tape cartridges, will be using the reformatted and standardized request transaction. User Computer/System/Programmer Analyst should contact Robert Mortensen at EDD (916) 654-7979 for further instructions.

EDD has also analyzed the costs of providing this information to customers and as a result developed a new rate structure. Counties will continue to be billed, as previously, by the CDSS but based on the new rates.

Please ensure that all persons within your agency that request information through this process are notified of these changes.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Maureen Paizs of the Fraud Bureau at (916) 445-0031.

Deputy Director Welfare Programs Division

Attachments