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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-23-96

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS (SAVE) ONLINE SYSTEM FOR ALIEN APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS OF AFDC, FOOD STAMP AND MEDI-CAL BENEFITS

REFERENCE: All-County Letter No. 88-131  
All-County Welfare Directors Letter 88-59  
All-County Welfare Directors Letter 88-68  
All-County Welfare Directors Letter 92-48

This letter is to provide the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with the necessary instructions to implement online access to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) expects the State to use this capability on an exception basis. The purpose of this access is to provide counties a more timely response to the existing SAVE system so that users can validate Alien Registration Numbers as part of the eligibility determination process for Immediate Need cases. The online system will also be used to validate certain Alien Numbers which are in a format that the current State's batch system cannot process.

SAVE was implemented under Section 121 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 to verify the immigration status of all alien applicants for and recipients of AFDC, FS and Medi-Cal effective October 1, 1988. This letter and enclosures summarize the SAVE system online requirements. The enclosures are as follows:

- I Operational Procedures
- II Navigating Around the Online SAVE System

Several counties wanted the ability to submit 9-digit Alien Numbers to SAVE, but the State Department of Health Services (SDHS) system was only equipped to receive 8-digit Alien Numbers. One of the major reasons why the State pursued the idea of online access to SAVE was to eliminate the need for the State and the counties to modify their respective systems to send or receive the longer numbers.

Another reason why online access would be a useful feature would be to handle Immediate Need applications processed for aliens. This realtime capability will allow counties to complete the residence requirement check immediately, instead of waiting 2-3 days for the output from the batch system.

If you have any questions or require more information, you may contact Marty Bornstein of the SDHS Data Systems Branch at (916) 657-0798 or Gary Scriven of the California Department of Social Services Fraud Bureau at (916) 445-1851.



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