

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO.

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

## REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE REVISED DFA 285B, FOOD STAMP BUDGET WORKSHEET AND DFA 285D, FOOD STAMP BUDGET/SPECIAL MEDICAL/SHELTER DEDUCTIONS WORKSHEET

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 97-13, DATED MARCH 11, 1997

The purpose of this notice is to clarify implementation instructions which were previously provided in ACL 97-13 regarding the revised Food Stamp budget worksheets. County Welfare Departments (CWDs) are to begin using the revised budget worksheets effective with the March 1997 budget month or as soon as administratively possible. These cases are to be prospectively budgeted according to Manna! Section (M.S.) 63-505.214.

In response to questions received from counties, and to ensure consistent application of rules and simplification of this process, the CWDs are to use the following procedure in situations where higher homeless shelter costs are incurred and verification is provided by the homeless recipient. When the actual verified costs are higher than the homeless shelter deduction, the CWDs may use the actual cost in Section I/Shelter Deduction on the DFA 285B or Section G/Shelter Deduction on the DFA 285D budget worksheets.

M.S. 63-503.311 and .312 will be revised in the immediate future for consistency with these instructions and inclusion of the homeless shelter deduction. Also, M.S. 63-502.3 will be modified to include the homeless shelter deduction.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Bill Shaw of the Food Stamp Program Bureau, Policy Implementation Unit, at (916) 654-1459.

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