

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

May 20, 1998

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO.

I-32-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM MANAGERS

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: FAIRNESS HEARINGS FOR BENO V. SHALALA AND
WELCH V. ANDERSON LAWSUITS

REFERENCES: ACLS 94-58, 94-60, AND 94-68

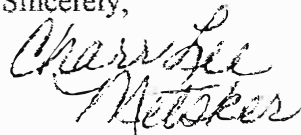
The purpose of this letter is to instruct the counties to display the attached posters (Temp 2154 and Temp 2154 Sp) from June 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998, as required by court order. Counties are required to display both posters. These posters are to inform potential class members about a proposed settlement in two cases, Beno v. Shalala and Welch v. Anderson. These two cases challenged the grant cuts imposed in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program between December 1992 and May 1996. Before a settlement between plaintiffs and defendants can be approved by the court, 30-day advance notice of fairness hearings must be given to potential class members. These fairness hearings allow class members to tell the court if they object to the proposed settlement.

These posters inform class members how to object to the settlement and how to opt out of the settlement. There will be two separate hearings. The Beno fairness hearing will be held in Federal District Court in Sacramento on July 9, 1998. The Welch fairness hearing will be in San Francisco on July 10, 1998. These posters are designed to answer the questions that potential class members might have about the settlement.

This settlement, if approved, will settle all outstanding litigation involving the state and the counties relative to AFDC grant cuts. It is anticipated that payment will be made by the state, on or about August 1, 1998.

Any county involvement is expected to be minimal. If you have any questions about this settlement or the Welch or Beno lawsuits, please call Mr. Vincent Toolan at (916) 654-1808.

Sincerely,



CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief
Employment and Eligibility Branch

Attachment