

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-53-99

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: AMENDED CALIFORNIA FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CFAP)

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) NO. 1111

This letter provides County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with advance notification of the expanded California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) as amended by AB 1111, a budget trailer bill. Except for sponsored noncitizens, the current CFAP is available to certain noncitizens legally present in the United States (U.S.) prior to August 22, 1996 who are eligible for the federal Food Stamp Program (FSP) which was in effect at that time. Eligibility is limited to those legal noncitizens that were not eligible for the federal FSP under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act. As amended by AB 1111, and effective August 1, 1999, CFAP includes the following:

- Battered noncitizens who are not eligible for the federal FSP under current regulations in the Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) 63-405.118.
- Cuban or Haitian entrants who are no longer federally eligible under the seven year time limited eligibility criteria in the MPP 63-405.124.
- Noncitizens who are otherwise eligible, but who entered the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996. They will be eligible for one year (October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000).
- CFAP recipients who do not receive aid under CalWORKs must meet the Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work requirements established for federal food stamp recipients rather than the employment requirement previously established for non-CalWORKs recipients.

- Limits deeming of a sponsor's income and resources to three years instead of the indefinite federal provision.
- Repeal of the July 1, 2000 sunset date.

These provisions are effective August 1, 1999 with an implementation date of October 1, 1999. CWDs should flag any impacted cases immediately in order to restore benefits to any households who were eligible based on the new CFAP provisions but were denied benefits because of the August 1, 1999 date.

An ACL is forthcoming and will provide additional clarifying detail on these changes and specific instructions regarding the October 1, 1999 implementation date. In the interim if you have questions, please contact Pam Kian of the Food Stamp Program Bureau, Policy Development Unit, at (916) 654-1801.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA