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ALL COUNTY LETTER No. 10-27

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS  
ALL QUALITY CONTROL COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: HUMANITARIAN PAROLE POLICY FOR CERTAIN  
HAITIAN ORPHANS

REFERENCE: THE FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT  
OF 2002 (PUBLIC LAW 107-171); ALL COUNTY  
INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-71-08, PAGE 3;  
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
(SNAP) ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE NO. 10-18

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

This letter provides information to County Welfare Departments (CWDs) regarding certain Haitian orphans. On January 18, 2010, the Department of Homeland Security authorized the use of humanitarian parole status to certain Haitian orphans who have entered or who are entering the United States (U.S.) subsequent to the January 12, 2010 earthquake, and who are being adopted by U.S. citizens.

Haitian orphans may enter the U.S. with a Form I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record) stating that they have been paroled into the U.S. on or after January 12, 2010. They meet the requirements of Section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, and are considered Cuban/Haitian Entrants pursuant to the Manual of Policies and Procedures section 63-405.115. Others may have a visa showing that they have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence. Haitian orphans entering the U.S. under these circumstances are eligible immediately for food stamp benefits providing all other eligibility requirements are met.

Sponsor Deeming

Sponsor deeming is not a requirement for these orphans. The children are either living in the household with their adoptive parents or are under the age of 18 and not subject to sponsor deeming requirements.

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Cuban/Haitian Entrants in General

Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), Cuban/Haitian Entrants are qualified noncitizens who meet the noncitizen eligibility requirements pertaining to federal means-tested benefits. They are not subject to the five-year residency requirement; therefore, they are immediately eligible for federal SNAP benefits.

If you have questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact Sharon Campbell of the Food Stamp Policy Bureau at (916) 654-0737 or [sharon.campbell@dss.ca.gov](mailto:sharon.campbell@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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