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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-198

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NOS. 75-122 AND 75-137

Enclosed is a copy of information being sent to all AFDC recipients in order to advise them of the provisions of the new child support program. The stuffer, printed in both English and Spanish, will be mailed as an enclosure with the October 1975 month of eligibility Main Medi-Cal cards. The stuffer is also being sent to AFDC Medi-Cal PHP enrollees by separate mailing.

An implementation package for the new child support program, including regulations, forms and procedures is being prepared for release in the immediate future.

As you were advised in All-County Letter No. 75-187, the injunction in the case of Doe v. Carleson has been modified regarding the cooperation of the caretaker relative in absent parent cases. Currently, Forms WR 2.1 and WR 7 contain the following statement:

"Neither you nor your children can be denied assistance because you fail to provide information on the identity or whereabouts of an absent parent."

This statement will be deleted from the WR 7 as part of the next WR forms revision. Counties that currently print the WR 7 form locally (pin-fed, etc.) should ensure that a similar change is made and phased in with existing supplies. Again we would caution that no more than a three months' supply should be ordered as these forms will be subject to continuing program changes. You will receive a separate notice regarding the changes to Form WR 2.1.

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Superseded by A-CL # 77-15

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As previously advised in All-County Letter No. 75-187, no action is to be taken by county agencies to enforce cooperation requirements until implementing regulations have been filed.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact the AFDC Program Operations Bureau at (916) 445-4458.

Sincerely,



DENNIS O. FLATT
Chief Deputy Director

Enclosure

cc: CWDA

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO AFDC RECIPIENTS

This notice is being sent to let all AFDC recipients know about a new federal law. This law will help in finding parents who have left their children and making them pay support if they can.

Under the new law, up to \$20 per month of child support collected by the county will be paid to you with **NO** decrease in your AFDC grant. This law also requires that you assign your child support rights to the county in order to be eligible for AFDC and get the bonus.

The assignment will happen automatically when you cash your AFDC check. If for any reason you **DO NOT** want to assign your child support rights, do not cash your AFDC check and immediately notify your eligibility worker at the county welfare department. If an assignment is not made, the parent or adult will not receive a grant and the grant for the children only will be managed by the county.

If you have any questions please call your county welfare department.

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NOTICIA IMPORTANTE PARA RECIPIENTES DE AFDC (Asistencia Para Familias Con Niños Dependientes)

Esta noticia es mandada para darles a saber a todos los recipientes de AFDC de una nueva ley federal. Esta nueva ley ayudará a hallar a los padres que han abandonado a sus hijos y hacerles pagar soporte si ellos puedan.

Bajo la nueva ley, hasta \$20 por mes de soporte para hijos recogidos por el condado serán pagados a Ud. sin rebajar su pago de AFDC. Esta ley también requiere que Ud. asigne sus derechos al soporte de hijos al condado para poder ser elegible a AFDC y recibir la gratificación.

La asignación sucede automáticamente cuando Ud. cambie su cheque de AFDC. Si por cualquier razón Ud. no quiere asignar sus derechos de soporte para hijos, no cambie su cheque de AFDC e inmediatamente dé noticia a su trabajador(a) de elegibilidad en el departamento de bienestar social del condado. Si la asignación no se hace, el padre/la madre o el adulto no recibirá ayuda y el condado solamente suministrará la ayuda para los niños.

Si Ud. tiene algunas preguntas por favor hable con su departamento de bienestar social del condado.