## DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-82

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE

REFERENCE:

The Social Security Administration has announced an across the board cost-ofliving increase of 6.4 percent for all OASDI beneficiaries. The increase will be included in Social Security payments received in July 1976. The public assistance grants of persons with OASDI benefits must be recalculated to reflect this increase.

Recipients of AFDC, Excess Value Home (EVH), and Aid to Potentially Self-supporting Blind (APSB) who receive OASDI benefits must be notified via Form 239 of any grant adjustments made, based on the Social Security increase. AFDC recipients should also be reminded of their responsibility to report on their monthly income report form (WR 7) the correct amount of income received. Eligibility workers should be informed that OASDI benefit increases will appear on WR 7's submitted in August 1976, to be adjusted in September grant amounts. They may verify the accuracy of the new OASDI benefit amount reported by multiplying the previous benefit amount by 106.4 percent. No increase in railroad retirement benefits is anticipated until 1977.

Please contact your AFDC Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458 if you have any questions about AFDC or the Adult Program Management Branch at (916) 445-0813 regarding EVH and APSB.

Sincerely,

KYDE S. McKINSEY Deputy Director

cc: CWDA