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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 77-5

TO: All County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: Earnings Clearance System (ECS) Modification

REFERENCE: Earnings Clearance System Review Report (September 1976)
All County Information Letter - August 31, 1976

As a follow up to the recommendations made in the above referenced material, the Earnings Clearance System (ECS) is being modified to provide counties with a long anticipated tool for verification of Unemployment and Disability Insurance (UI/DI) income and supplemental earnings information to the locally selected cut-off levels (\$901/\$501) on the current ECS program.

Inclusion of UI/DI Claim Information

Effective with the next quarter run, Unemployment Insurance and Disability Insurance (UI&DI) claim information will be printed on the current DPS 155 form. This modification is an interim step pending exploration of actual claim amount data once the EDD's automated system is operational and will in essence add the balance of the information contained on the optional DE 507 to the ECS. The ECS is being programmed so that the output data will include the five (5) most recent UI/DI claim records, which will be overprinted on the current DPS 155 form. You will be receiving this new data on the next process cycle, approximately March 1, 1977.

*Special Note to Counties Who Receive ECS Data on Magnetic Tape

Tape counties currently receive two types of records, a totals records (type '0') and a detail wage record (type '1'). A new record type

(type '3') will contain UI/DI claims information. Attached*is the record format/description and field definitions for the new input to the counties. In an attempt to reduce the impact of this change to the counties, the format for the totals record and the earnings record will remain the same with the exception of the 'MPF Eligibility Code' (Position 67-68 of type 1), which will no longer be available. With a simple check for a three ('3') in position 250, the new records can be bypassed until time is available to include the new data in the county processes. The first eighty-two (82) positions of the new record are identical to the existing records (type '0' and '1').

The data in positions 111 through 177 is the print format of either a UI/DI claim or UI/DI flag information exactly as produced on the 507 form from EDD. There may be from zero (0) to five (5) claim records for each employee on the file. If five (5) claim records are present, they are the most recent on file.

Earnings Information Report to Supplement Current Cut-Off Levels

The ECS county reports and tapes will be produced as they are currently with the existing income level cut-offs. Approximately one (1) week later additional reports with a changed income level (of one dollar-\$1.00) will be sent to those counties which presently have \$501 and \$901 cut-offs. These one dollar (\$1.00) cut-off reports can be used by counties in a variety of ways to supplement current corrective action and quality control efforts.

The training materials associated with line staff utilization of the ECS, to include the detail instructions on use of the UI/DI data, have been developed and will be made available to all counties in approximately three weeks. As the need for these ECS modifications has been demonstrated and has been continually requested by counties, we are including this data at this time in addition to ongoing program development and further evaluation of the current system. To address concerns expressed regarding coordination and program management for the ECS, the following contact points have been established:

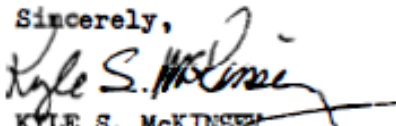
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Sincerely,


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* Attachments are relevant to ECS Magnetic Tape counties only.