## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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August 23, 1978

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 78-35

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT (FORM DFA 296)

REFERENCE: DIVISION 26, SECTION 311

This is to request your cooperation in an assessment of data reported on the Food Stamp Program Monthly Statistical Report (Form DFA 296).

When the DFA 296 was revised effective January 1978, data on the denial of applications were not identified between nonassistance (NA) and public assistance (PA) in item 4b. This particular change was made in anticipation of new Food Stamp Program application regulations which were to coincide with the DFA 296 revision. Unfortunately, the regulation changes were delayed and will now become effective September 1, 1978.

As you know, nonassistance food stamp application statistical data is used for cost control purposes. Therefore, the Department needs to know if your county's data included PA denials during the period January - June 1978. Please send answers to the questions on the reverse side of this letter by September 5, 1978 to:

State Department of Social Services Data Management and Analysis Bureau 744 P Street, Mail Station 12-81 Sacramento, California 95814



1.	When compiling denial data for item $\underline{4b}$ during the period January - June 1978 did your county		
		include PA denials	
		not include PA denials	
2.	Was the methodology for compiling denial data changed during the January June 1978 period?		
		Yes (If yes, what was the change	e and when was it effective?)
		No	
3.	Does your county plan to change the methodology for compiling denial data between July and September 1978?		
		Yes (If yes, please explain)	
		No	
COUNTY:		CONTACT PERSON:	PHONE NUMBER:
		ny questions regarding this All—Co ut and Analysis Bureau, at (916) 3	
Sincerely,			
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R. E. HEICH JECON			
Deputy Director			

cc: CWDA