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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 79-75 (CHILD SUPPORT MGMT. BUREAU)

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
TITLE IV-D AGENCIES
COUNTY AUDITOR/CONTROLLERS
WELFARE FISCAL SUPERVISORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICERS

SUBJECT: REVISED STATE ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES FOR CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS

REFERENCE:

This letter is to advise you of a revision to the State procedure in accounting for child support collections and determining reductions to AFDC fund advances based on these collections.

Under the prior procedure, all accounting for child support collections was based upon the CS 800 Summary Report of Child Support Payments which is submitted monthly by county welfare departments and reflects processed collections for AFDC families. These collections served as the basis for federal reporting, determining reductions to AFDC fund advances, and determining incentive payments to counties.

The revised state procedure is based upon a combination of the CS 850 Monthly Statistical Report on Child Support Enforcement Activities which is submitted monthly by county district attorneys and reflects unprocessed collections for AFDC families, and the CS 800 Report discussed above. Child support collections reported on the CS 850 Report will serve as the basis for federal reporting and determining reductions to AFDC fund advances. This change enables California to fiscally respond from three to six months sooner than under the prior procedure. The CS 800 report will serve as an adjustment document to reflect any difference in processed and unprocessed collections for the report period on both the amounts reported on the federal report and the amount of the reduction to AFDC fund advances. The CS 800 Report will continue to serve as the basis for determining incentive payments to counties and states.

The revised system necessarily increases the importance of the CS 850 Report as it also becomes a fiscal document. Thus, district attorneys should ensure that the CS 850 Report is submitted on time so that an accurate reduction can be made to AFDC fund advances. Late CS 850 Reports

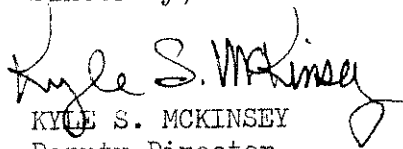
will necessitate an estimate of this reduction.

This revised procedure has been implemented and AFDC fund advances will reflect this change effective with the December advance. July, August, and September CS 850's and any fiscal year 1978/79 CS 800's will be offset against the December advance. The October CS 850 will offset against January; November against February and so forth.

An additional revision to the prior system is the elimination of the need for the data reported on the CS 851 Supplemental Report of Child Support Payments. The CS 851 is discontinued effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this change in procedure, please contact your county representative in the Child Support Operations Bureau at (916)322-6384.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Director