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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 80-9 (FOOD STAMP POLICY COORD)

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF LOST BENEFITS TO HOUSEHOLDS CURRENTLY INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the September 18, 1979 Federal Register included regulations which expand procedures for notifying households of their possible eligibility for restoration of lost benefits. State regulations reflecting these procedures will be issued in the near future.

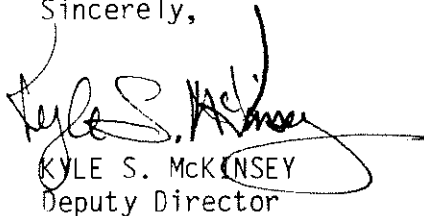
Under earlier federal regulations, notification was satisfied by the issuance of a press release. However, as a result of the settlement in the Shane v. Bergland lawsuit, it has been determined that this method was not adequate. Therefore, in addition to the required press release, counties will now be required to display posters and issue fliers which indicate an ineligible household's possible eligibility for restoration of lost benefits.

This department will soon be issuing a statewide press release and mailing the required posters and fliers to counties, outreach agencies, and other organizations that provide services to low-income households. The posters and fliers will reach your county through our regular warehouse distribution process in the next few days. Upon receipt, we are requesting that counties display the posters and distribute the fliers at locations where low income families will see them. We are also asking that the posters be displayed for at least six months to satisfy the federal requirements.

Also under the new federal regulations and upcoming state regulations, households whose entitlement has been clearly established may apply for restoration of lost benefits for an indefinite period. Because case files may no longer exist for households whose entitlements were established more than three years prior to application, restorations may be paid if the applicant, under penalty of perjury, signs an affidavit explaining the household's entitlement. Households who may be eligible for benefits, but whose entitlement has not yet been established, must establish their entitlement according to Manual Section 63-802.1.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If you should have any questions regarding this matter please contact your Food Stamp Program Operations Consultant at (916) 332-5475.

Sincerely,



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