

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



August 21, 1980

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 80-50 (AFDC)

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ZAPATA v. WOODS

REFERENCE:

This letter is to advise you of the current status of the Zapata v. Woods class action lawsuit and to request that you take certain actions in anticipation of the court's ruling. This suit was brought to challenge the validity of the denial of AFDC benefits to caretaker relatives whose only children receive SSI/SSP. (See MPP § 44-205.23.)

It is very likely that the Superior Court will rule in favor of the plaintiffs and prohibit further application of MPP § 44-205.23. In addition, the court will likely order retroactive aid back through January 27, 1975. In this event, we will be required to make payments to otherwise eligible AFDC cases which were denied or discontinued based solely upon the fact that the only children in the home received SSI/SSP. Therefore, you should immediately employ any measure which will assist you in locating any such AFDC applications denied or AFDC cases discontinued after receipt of this letter.

It is not anticipated that an individual case search of closed records will be required. However, counties must preserve all closed case records pertaining to these individuals in order that eligibility for benefits can be determined if an individual requests retroactive aid.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your AFDC Management consultant at (916) 445-4458.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle S. McKinsey".

KYLE S. MCKINSEY
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA