

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-56

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS**SUBJECT:** INCREASED FOOD STAMP INCOME STANDARDS/GROSS AND NET INCOME TESTS**REFERENCE:**

This is to provide information regarding an increase to the gross and net monthly income standards, and the requirement to determine income eligibility by applying both the gross and net income standards for households in which no member is elderly or disabled. Also, included is the new federal issuance table that is necessary to implement the above mentioned changes (see Attachment).

Effective July 1, 1983 the gross and net income standards will increase as a result of a federal cost-of-living adjustment. (See Column B and C of the first page of Attachment for the new standards.)

In addition to the gross and net income standard increases, the table also incorporates the federal requirement to apply both the gross and net income standards in determining the eligibility of all households which have no elderly or disabled members. The State Department of Social Services (SDSS) is processing the corresponding state regulation change emergency and anticipates that the regulation revision will be filed with the Secretary of State prior to July 1, 1983 to be effective July 1, 1983. Proposed state regulations incorporating the provision to apply both the gross and net income standards have already been sent to CWDs and is part of the June 15, 1983 public hearing agenda. The proposed implementation schedule contained in that package will be revised by the emergency regulations to require that beginning July 1, 1983 both the gross and net income standards shall be applied to all new applicant households for which there are no elderly or disabled members. For currently participating households with no elderly or disabled members, income eligibility shall be redetermined using both income standards by the time of the next budget recomputation or at recertification, whichever occurs first. This does not preclude the CWD from converting the entire caseload effective July 1, 1983.

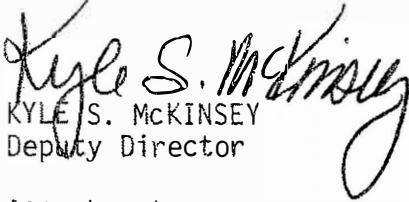
A Notice of Action (DFA 377.1) must be sent to those existing households that are adversely affected. The notice language that should be used is as follows:

1.because you failed to pass the gross income eligibility test.
2.because you failed to pass the net income eligibility test.
3.your net income exceeds the level at which benefits are issued even though you pass the gross and/or net income test(s).

The circumstances of the denial or termination will dictate which of the three messages you will use. It appears that message number three would be used for the three-person household since these regulation and table changes allow that size household to be income eligible but not entitled to an allotment. In this situation, the CWD would process the case as specified in MS 63-503.326. Therefore, under these circumstances an initial applicant would be denied and an ongoing case would be terminated.

For further clarification, households with elderly or disabled member(s) will continue to have their income eligibility determined using only the net income standard. Finally, the income amounts in Column A of the Attachment, Maximum Gross Monthly Income for Elderly/Disabled Separate Households, shall not be used. SDSS is processing regulations which allow certain elderly or disabled households to be given separate household status. When these regulations become effective, anticipated September 1, 1983, the amounts in Column A will apply.

If you have any questions, please contact your Food Stamp Program Operations Consultant at (916) 322-5475.


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Attachment

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