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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 84-52

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: OVERLAPPING AFDC PAYMENTS DURING INTERCOUNTY TRANSFER

REFERENCE:

This letter is to alert the counties to the potential for overlapping aid payments during the intercounty transfer of AFDC cases. This problem was discovered during a recent Auditor General's test of computer matching of first names and birthdates to detect duplicate payments of welfare benefits.

This test involved the application of a computer match program to the list of AFDC recipients on aid continuously from March 1983 to July 1983. The computer match program identified 20 instances where counties provided overlapping AFDC benefits to cases involved in intercounty transfer. These duplicate payments were found to be caused by county failure to properly start or stop aid on the appropriate intercounty transfer expiration date. Some counties continued payments beyond the transfer date. Other counties started payments too soon. Some of the affected counties had not taken any action to recover the overpayment that was a result of payment overlap.

Counties should emphasize to transfer case workers the necessity for careful compliance with Department regulations on intercounty transfers in order to preclude errors. Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Sections 40-197 through 40-197 cover the orderly transfer of aid payment responsibility when an AFDC recipient or case moves from one county to another. Should an overlap of aid payment occur, counties shall take all reasonable steps necessary to correct promptly any resulting overpayments. The responsibility to act on known overpayments is defined in MPP 44-350.14.

If you have any questions, please contact the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 322-5330.


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