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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-152

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AB1111 - AMENDMENT TO THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
ORD #0585-27

The purpose of this letter is to provide the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) information regarding the above-referenced Food Stamp regulations that became effective July 1, 1987. The intent of this regulation package was to reorganize and provide clarity to existing regulatory material. It should be noted that policy changes were not promulgated by this package; however, some of the revisions appear confusing and may be viewed as potential problem areas. This letter has been issued to identify and provide clarification of the affected manual sections.

Manual Section (M.S.) 63-501.526 TABLE 1 was revised to provide consistency with current regulations governing resource determinations. This chart, which was devised as an aid in determining value of licensed vehicles, contains two primary errors. The first error pertains to the total exclusion of one vehicle, used for transportation purposes, per physically disabled person (M.S. 63-501.521(f)). This exclusion should only be listed under Step 1 of the aforementioned chart instead of under both Step 1 and Step 3. The second error is the deletion of a vehicle used to accept or continue employment under Step 3 (M.S. 63-501.523c). CWDs should continue to exempt equity value in vehicles used for this purpose. It should also be noted that Step 2 and Step 3 show repetitions under number 2. A revised copy of this chart is attached for reference.

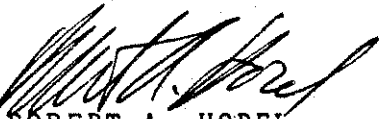
Manual Section 63-503.232(d) now provides a definition of what constitutes discontinued income. Due to the inclusion of subsections (1) In a Beginning Month and (2) After the Beginning Months under M.S. 63-503.232(d), there is now an implication that income must have been prospectively budgeted in a beginning month to be disregarded in case situations included under subsection (2). There has not been a change in federal or state policy regarding

the treatment of discontinued income for households receiving a CWD paid grant in the issuance month. A copy of the AB 1111 amendments to M.S. 63-503.232(d) Discontinued Income, is attached.

Manual Section 63-604.8 provides for return of coupons to the CWD. The form FNS 35 referenced in this section should be changed to FNS 135.

These manual sections will be appropriately revised in an applicable clean-up package. In the meantime, please advise your staff to correct their copies of the vehicle chart in the AB 1111 package and any forthcoming manual letters as necessary. Please accept our apologies for any confusion these amendments may have caused.

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please contact Carole Geller of the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 322-5330.



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Attachments

cc: CWDA

Amend Sections 63-503.232(d), .311, .312, .323, and .48 to read as follows:

63-503 DETERMINING HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFIT LEVELS (Continued) 63-503

.2 (Continued)

.23 (Continued)

.232 (Continued)

(d) Discontinued Income

Definition now implies income must have been received in a beginning month in order to disregard even if it is terminated after the beginning months.

For the purposes of this section, discontinued income is ~~the~~ any income that a household received in a beginning month from a source that no longer provides income to the household, in the corresponding retrospectively budgeted month and which was included in the households prospective budget shall be disregarded when computing benefits for the issuance month, except as specified in Section 63-503.232(d)(1)(A). The EWB shall not disregard income which has been discontinued for the following reasons: except when the ~~the~~ income has been discontinued due to participation in a strike or, a household member other than the primary wage earner voluntarily quitting a job unless without good cause has been determined in accordance with Section 63-408.34.

(1) In a Beginning Month

Discontinued income which was included in the household's prospective budget shall be disregarded when the beginning month in which the income stops becomes the budget month.

(2) After the Beginning Months

For households receiving a CWD paid grant in the issuance month, the EWB discontinued income from the

Assign Table I designation and include section number and amend to read:

.526

TABLE I DETERMINING VALUE OF LICENSED VEHICLES

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Totally exclude if:	Determine Fair Market Value*	Determine Equity* Value, If Not Exempt for the Following Reasons:
1. Income producing (over 50%)	1. Use "blue book" for wholesale basic value	1. Exempt under Step 1
2. <u>Annually producing income consistent with FMV.</u>	2. Use "blue book" for wholesale basic value.	2. Exempt under Step 1
23. Necessary to employment other than daily commuting, e.g., traveling salesman	22. If above cannot be used: household verification newspaper ad tax assessment other reliable sources	22. One car, regardless of use
3. Necessary for subsistence hunting and fishing	INCLUDE →	3. Used to accept or continue employment
4. Household home		4. Used to seek or attend training or education preparatory to employment
5. <u>One vehicle, used for transportation purposes, per physically disabled household member.</u>		5. One car, per physically disabled household member