

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-156

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL SDSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF INTERLOCUTORY DECREE

This letter serves as notice that as of January 1, 1988 the interlocutory decree for adoption will no longer be available.

Assembly Bill 1454 (Chapter 360, Statutes of 1987, Mojonnier) brought California into conformance with federal law changes. The federal law, and conforming State law, have deleted the requirement for an interlocutory decree of adoption and have substituted the adoption placement agreement as a prerequisite to initiating the payment of Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) benefits. Thus AAP benefits may be paid immediately after an adoptive placement is made as long as an adoption assistance agreement has also been signed.

Departmental regulations are being promulgated to implement this legislation. You will have an opportunity to review and comment on the new regulations before they are effective.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Jennifer C. Smith, Policy Consultant, at (916) 323-0470 or ATSS 473-0470.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Loren D. Suter".

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cc: CWDA