

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



July 10, 1987

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-97

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INFORMING NOTICE - OBRA AND NONDISCRETIONARY #2 (TEMP 1708)

REFERENCE: All-County Letter No. 87-73, Dated May 18, 1987

This letter will provide the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with a copy of the English/Spanish version of the TEMP 1708, the general notice that informs AFDC and food stamp recipients of the availability of additional and retroactive food stamp benefits under the OBRA and Nondiscretionary #2 regulations. Notices in Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian will be mailed to all CWDs by the Language Services Bureau when available. Specific details of the regulation changes are outlined in Attachment 1 of All County Letter (ACL) No. 87-73, dated May 18, 1987.

GENERAL ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

CWDs may mail the TEMP 1708 to their active food stamp caseload in any mailing, such as with the CA 7s, the monthly AFDC check, or with the allotment or the Authorization to Participate (ATP) cards. If counties wish, they can stagger the issuance of the notice rather than mailing them all in one month. However, all notices should be mailed no later than October 30, 1987.

SPONSORED ALIENS

CWDs that can identify their sponsored alien caseload have the option of providing a separate notice to these households. CWDs that choose this option may delete the last item (Sponsored Aliens) on the TEMP 1708. However, the CWD shall ensure that all households containing sponsored aliens shall be notified of the change in reporting requirements within the timeframes specified in this ACL.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

This is to advise the CWDs of an anticipated August 1, 1987 implementation date for new energy assistance payment regulations. These regulations, with respect to Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act (LIHEAA) payments only, will supersede the proration provisions (M.S. 63-502.36) outlined in Attachment 2 of ACL 87-73. Under the new regulations, which are being implemented on an emergency basis, households


receiving LIHEAA payments will ~~automatically~~ be entitled to the SUA. This provision will be retroactive to October 1, 1986. Instructions concerning the implementation of the emergency regulations will be issued later.

NOTE: Non-LIHEAA energy assistance payments must still be prorated to determine entitlement to the SUA as explained in ACL 87-73. This provision is retroactive to August 1, 1986.

It is expected that only a small percentage of the caseload receives energy assistance vendor payments. Therefore, the TEMP 1708 does not contain information regarding the availability of retroactive benefits for OBRA and Nondiscretionary #2 nor will an informing notice be provided for the pending emergency regulations. CWDs do have the option of developing and providing a notice of these energy assistance regulations if they so desire. Determinations of entitlement to retroactive benefits shall be made upon request, at recertification or termination. Counties may wish to flag potentially eligible cases that are identified prior to the implementation of the August 1, 1987 provisions.

CWDs that wish to alter the TEMP 1708, except as noted above regarding Sponsored Aliens, must submit a request to the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau, 744 P Street, Mail Station 16-31, Sacramento, CA 95814 no later than August 30, 1987.

If you have any questions about the informing notice, please contact Elizabeth Allred at the above address or by telephone at (916) 323-4954. If you have any questions about the restoration procedures in this letter, please contact Mike Papin at (916) 322-5330.



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Attachment

cc: CWDA

IMPORTANT FOOD STAMP NOTICE**PLEASE READ**

Food Stamp regulations have changed effective April 1, 1987. This notice will tell you what the changes are. Some of the changes may apply to you. The state regulation sections that caused the changes are listed after each part.

UTILITIES

The new regulations allow you to switch between the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) and Actual Utilities (Actual) two times each year instead of once a year.

Also, the new regulations allow you to switch one extra time back to August 1986 if you would like to change the type of utility deduction you received for all or a part of that time. You can only do this one time. These new regulations could increase your benefits. (M.S. 63-502.363)

DISABLED

The new regulations say that you might be able to get special housing and medical deductions from your income if you receive disability retirement benefits from:

- a governmental agency or
- the Railroad Retirement Board.

This could increase your benefits. You may also be able to get the special deductions back to August 1, 1986. (M.S. 63-102e(1))

SPONSORED ALIENS

The new regulations say that if you are a sponsored alien, to get only Food Stamps you do not have to turn in the CA 72 report (Alien Sponsor's Monthly Income and Resources Report). You do have to tell us if:

- you change sponsors
- your sponsor or the sponsor's spouse changes or loses jobs
- your sponsor or the sponsor's spouse dies.

TO KEEP GETTING YOUR CASH AID, you must still turn in the CA 72 every month. (M.S. 63-403.33)

To increase your benefits, your worker may ask you for proof; for example: utility bills, medical bills, award letter, etc. If you have any questions or think any of these changes apply to you, contact your worker.

AVISO IMPORTANTE SOBRE LAS ESTAMPILLAS PARA COMIDA POR FAVOR LÉALO

Los ordenamientos de Estampillas para Comida han cambiado a partir del 1 de abril de 1987. Este aviso le informará acerca de los cambios. Es posible que algunos de los cambios le afecten a usted. Al final de cada párrafo, se citan las secciones de los ordenamientos que aplican en su caso.

SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS Y MUNICIPALES

Los nuevos ordenamientos le permiten a usted cambiar, dos veces al año, entre la cantidad normal permitida por servicios públicos y municipales (SUA) y los servicios utilizados en realidad (reales) en vez de una vez al año.

Además, los nuevos ordenamientos le permiten cambiar una vez adicional, en forma retroactiva a agosto de 1986, para en caso de que usted quiera cambiar la clase de deducción que recibió por todo ese tiempo o parte del mismo. Usted puede hacer esto solamente una vez. Es posible que estos nuevos ordenamientos produzcan un aumento en sus beneficios. (Sección 63-502.363 del Manual de Prácticas y Procedimientos (MPP).)

INCAPACITADOS

Los nuevos ordenamientos establecen que es posible que se puedan aplicar a sus ingresos, deducciones especiales para vivienda o médico si recibe beneficios de jubilación por incapacidad provenientes de:

- una agencia gubernamental o
- de la Directiva de Jubilación de los Ferrocarriles.

Esto pudiera aumentar sus beneficios. También es posible que usted pueda recibir las deducciones especiales en forma retroactiva al 1 de agosto de 1986. (MPP 63-102e(1))

EXTRANJEROS QUE TIENEN PATROCINADOR

Los nuevos ordenamientos establecen que si usted es un extranjero patrocinado, para poder recibir estampillas para comida solamente, no tiene que presentar el reporte mensual CA 72 (Reporte Mensual de Ingresos y Recursos del Patrocinador del Extranjero.) Pero sí tiene que informarnos si:

- usted cambia de patrocinadores
- su patrocinador o su esposa(o) cambia(n) de trabajo, o pierde(n) su empleo
- su patrocinador o su esposa(o) muere.

PARA QUE USTED SIGA RECIBIENDO ASISTENCIA MONETARIA, todavía tiene que presentar su CA 72 cada mes. (MPP 63-403.33)

Para poder aumentar sus beneficios, es posible que su trabajador(a) le pida pruebas; por ejemplo: recibos de servicios públicos y municipales, facturas de médico, cartas de notificación de beneficios, etc. Si tiene preguntas o cree que alguno(s) de estos cambios aplican al caso de usted, comuníquese con su trabajador.