

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

August 17, 1988

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-105

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE NEED PENALTY EVALUATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

REFERENCE:

This is to inform you that the Order waiving State AFDC regulations at EAS 40-129.436 has been signed and that the Immediate Need Penalty Evaluation Project went into effect August 1, 1988. The waiver applies only to those Counties which have elected to participate as Project Counties.

This is also to inform you that the initial report for both Project and Control Counties for the period August 1 - 31, 1988, has been postponed from October 1, to November 1, 1988.

The following Counties have elected to participate as Project Counties.

Alameda	Amador
Fresno	Lassen
Los Angeles	San Benito
Sacramento	Santa Clara
San Joaquin	Solano
Shasta	Ventura

All other Counties are considered to be Control Counties for the purposes of the Project.

DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS:

We have received requests for clarification of the data elements (Attachments "A" and "B" of the July 7, 1988 letter). Based on these requests, the following clarification is being provided.

Data element

- #3. "Timeframe by number (%) of cases to determine eligibility" This refers to AFDC eligibility. One, five and 15 days refer to working days; and 30 and 45 days refer to calendar days from the date of the immediate need request (the date of request equals day "0").
- #4. "Reason for immediate need request" There may be more than one reason for the request. The Counties are to list all reasons given by the applicant.

In the case of pending eviction, Counties are to add a separate category listing those cases which present: (1) a three day pay or quit notice; (2) a thirty day notice; and (3) a court ordered eviction or sheriff's notice.

- #5. "Amount of liquid resources" An additional category, "\$0 - \$10", should be added.
- #6. "Type of Payment" The \$100 immediate need payment and prorated grant amount refer to payments based on presumptive eligibility. Expedited aid payment refers to payments based on full eligibility determination. An expedited grant issued by the next working day to satisfy an immediate need request should be captured as an approval. If the County is unable to authorize AFDC within the immediate need timeframe, an immediate need payment based on presumptive eligibility must be made. In some instances an expedited grant may be issued in addition to an immediate need payment. In these cases the average number of days to issue the expedited grant should be listed. Any aid payment issued within one week of application is considered an expedited grant.
- #8. "Reason for Denial of Immediate Need" There may be multiple reasons for denial. The Counties are to list all reasons for denial with the exception of "withdrawal." Withdrawals should be listed as a separate category from denials.
- #9. "Disposition of case" Disposition of case refers to the AFDC application for all approved immediate need requests.

#### REPORTING PROCEDURES:

Reporting formats, forms and required procedures are currently being developed by the Statistical Services Section and will be issued by August 31, 1988.

For questions regarding the data elements, data collection and/or reporting problems, please contact Mr. Levy St. Mary, Statistical Services Section, at (916) 445-2135. All other questions regarding the project should be directed to Ms. Susan Wyckoff, AFDC Policy Bureau, at (916) 324-2003.

  
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