

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-123

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP REPAYMENT AGREEMENT (DFA 377.7C)

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with:

- o A reproducible copy of the revised Food Stamp Repayment Agreement (DFA 377.7C); and
- o The companion revised worker instructions.

Background:

Many counties have expressed concerns that the current DFA 377.7C(3/84) does not provide the legal strength necessary to collect overissuances in the Food Stamp Program. They have been told by the courts that the clients need to understand and agree to a variety of collection measures that can be used if they fail to repay an overissuance.

With the Department's increased focus on the recovery of Food Stamp overissuances and in response to the county concerns, the DFA 377.7C has been revised. The new form includes language that will inform the client of the consequences they face if they do not pay in accordance with their signed agreement.

Form Changes:

Terms and Conditions:

This section has been rearranged and some slight wording changes made.

Agreement:

The main section has been reworded slightly and a new portion added to inform the client of the consequences of not paying in accordance with the agreement.

County Use Section:

The section heading has been changed to reflect that the county is to complete this section. The CWD uses this section to accept the terms the client has proposed and to indicate where the client is to make the payments. The form is then returned to the client.

Implementation

A reproducible copy of the DFA 377.7C(9/88) is provided for local reproduction because stock will not be available in the Department of Social Services (DSS) Warehouse until December 1, 1988. Counties may implement the use of this form as soon as administratively possible but no later than January 1, 1989.

Ordering of State Reproduced Stock

Orders for the DFA 377.7C(9/88) should be submitted to the DSS Warehouse according to normal procedures.

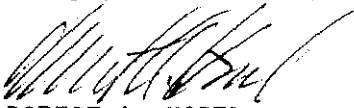
Foreign Language Translations

The DFA 377.7C will be translated into the five standard languages. These will be provided as "Master Only". They will not be stocked in the DSS Warehouse. The translations will be available in approximately two months and will be transmitted to the counties at that time.

Form Instructions

Effective with the implementation of the new form, the attached form instructions replace the instructions in the Food Stamp Handbook, Section 63-1230, DFA 377.7C (3/84). Vertical lines identify changes or additions to the instructions.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact Sergio Diaz of the Overpayment Recovery Bureau at (916) 323-7534 or ATSS 473-7534.



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Attachments

cc: CWDA