

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-14

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOOD
STAMP HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT PROVISIONS (P.L. 100-77)

REFERENCE: All County Letter No. 87-160, Dated December 18, 1987
All County Letter No. 87-167, Dated December 31, 1987
All Food Stamp County Coordinators Letter Dated
January 15, 1988

The purpose of this letter is to officially transmit the questions and answers provided earlier to the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) via an All Food Stamp County Coordinators Letter dated January 15, 1988. The questions and answers concern the implementation of the Food Stamp Homeless Assistance Act (P.L. 100-77). This letter also clarifies policy pertaining to the establishment of the household's retroactive eligibility based on separate household status.

We have made two modifications to the original answer to Question 13. First, the definition of "temporary housing" was revised to address the concerns expressed by the CWDs. The new definition may be used synonymously with the definition of "temporary accommodations" as used in the definition of "homeless individuals" (in ACL No. 87-160) as it relates to "a supervised shelter designed to provide temporary accommodations." Secondly, the answer to Question 13 was expanded to clarify that, for GA/GR housing assistance payments to be excluded as vendor payments, the temporary housing unit provided for the household as a result of such assistance must lack facilities for the preparation and cooking of hot meals or the refrigerated storage of food for home consumption.

Subsequent to the release of All County Letter Numbers 87-160 and 87-167, questions were raised regarding the household's retroactive intent as it relates to purchasing and preparing meals separately from others living in the home. In order for the household to be eligible for restoration of benefits based on separate household status, it must be established that a parent together with his/her minor child(ren) would have purchased food and prepared meals separately from other relatives in the home if he/she had known about the new rules on household composition. Please note that this does not change the current policy concerning the establishment of a separate "purchase and prepare" custom. With continuing cases not requesting a restoration and new applications, separate household status cannot be granted until the household establishes a custom of purchasing and preparing meals separately from other relatives living in the home.

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

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Enclosure

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