

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-23

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (PUBLIC LAW 100-50)

This letter is to provide the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with information concerning Food And Nutrition Service Administrative Notice 88-65, Student Assistance Programs.

This administrative notice informs the department that technical amendments (Public Law 100-50) to the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1986 have revised the exclusion of student financial assistance as income and as a resource for the Food Stamp Program.

The new Public Law will provide an additional exclusion for student financial assistance under the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Higher Education Grant Program. This provision states that any funds received under that program would be subject to the same exclusion as student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act.

It appears that this provision will be retroactive back to the beginning of the 1988-89 school year. We expect to have the Federal regulations shortly and anticipate that we will file State regulations on an emergency basis. In the interim CWDs are instructed to flag affected cases immediately in order to accommodate this future regulation change, and ease the restoration effort.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Maria Tarango, Food Stamp Policy Bureau at (916) 445-6907.


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