

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-30

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF INCOME RECEIVED FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE
WORK STUDY PROGRAM IN AFDC, RDP, RCA, ECA, & FOOD
STAMPS

REFERENCE: MPP 44-111.25 - COLLEGE WORK STUDY PROGRAM
MPP 63-502.2(d) - INCOME, EXCLUSION & DEDUCTIONS
ACL NO. 89-01, DATED JANUARY 3, 1989

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarifying information regarding the treatment of income from the California State Work Study Program. The letter responds to questions received from counties and educational institutions on the subject.

The California Work Study Program is a state-funded financial program which offers college and university students the opportunity to earn income to help defray their educational cost, while gaining experience in educationally beneficial or career-related employment. Program participants are selected on the basis of financial need.

Earned income received by AFDC, RCA, ECA, or RDP recipients from the California Work Study Program is treated in accordance with MPP 44-111.25. MPP Section 44-111.25 provides that earned income from the College Work Study Program is exempt. This exemption is applied for both eligibility and grant determination whether or not the student has received aid previously, and is applied for graduate and undergraduate students.

For Food Stamp recipients, the California Work Study Program money, minus allowable exclusions per MPP Section 63-502.2(d), is treated as earned income in accordance with ACL 89-01. MPP Section 63-502.2(d) excludes this income only to the extent that it is used for tuition and mandatory school fees. (If specifically earmarked by the grantor for certain educational expenses such as travel or books, that portion of the work study money so earmarked shall also be excluded in accordance with MPP 63-502.2(f)(1)(D).)

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Sandra Poole-Taylor of the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2661 or ATSS 454-2661.

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