

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-86

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF MONTHLY RECURRING UNEARNED GOVERNMENTAL  
BENEFITS IN AFDC, RCA, ECA, AND RDP


REFERENCE: RDB # 0889-28  
MPP 44-102 - Availability Of Income  
ACIN No. I-52-89, Dated July 21, 1989

This is to advise you that the proposed emergency regulation package RDB #0889-28, Monthly Recurring Unearned Governmental Benefits, was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and became effective on September 20, 1989. The regulations were promulgated as a result of communication with the Department of Health and Human Services which disclosed that states should consider monthly recurring unearned governmental benefits as available for the month intended rather than the month received. MPP Section 44-102 has been amended to reflect the exception to the treatment of available income allowed under Federal policy. Monthly recurring unearned governmental benefits received on or after September 20, 1989 are affected by this change.

The effect of this regulation change is that when a governmental benefit (e.g., Social Security benefits, or Veterans benefits, etc.) is mailed early because the first of the month falls on a Sunday or holiday, it is not considered received until the month intended. For example, benefits due October 1, 1989 (a Sunday) will be mailed so that they are received September 30, 1989. The benefit will not be considered received until October 1989 under the emergency regulations. This applies to both the financial eligibility determination as well as grant computation.

If you have questions regarding this letter or additional questions regarding the treatment of monthly recurring unearned governmental benefits, please contact Sandra Poole-Taylor, AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2661 or ATSS 454-2661.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: CWDA