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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 90-13

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOWANCE REGULATION

REFERENCE: MPP SECTION 46-425.63

The purpose of this letter is to clarify Section 46-425.63 of the Manual of Policies and Procedures regarding housing repairs in the Special Circumstances Allowance Program. The section allows for required housing repairs necessary to provide safe and healthful recipient owned housing and/or essential appliances.

It has been brought to the State's attention that some clients' requests for housing repair allowances for essential appliances have been denied because the house was not recipient-owned. In the situations cited, the clients were renting housing. However, the appliances were not provided by the landlord as part of the rental property. The client provided and owned these appliances separately.

Please be informed that the housing repair allowance is for recipient-owned housing and/or for recipient-owned essential appliances. If a client is living in rental property, but the essential appliances within the rental housing are owned by the client, the client is eligible for the housing repair allowance if all other eligibility criteria is met.

On the other hand, if the appliances are the property of the landlord and are provided as part of the rental, repair of such appliances is the responsibility of the landlord.

I would also like to remind you that the county may require documentation or a signed written statement(s) to assist it in determining eligibility.

If you have any questions regarding the Special Circumstances Allowance Program, please do not hesitate to contact the Adult Program Management Bureau at (916) 324-4195.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Horel".

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Deputy Director

cc: CWDA