

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

April 1, 1991

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 91-30**TO:** ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS**SUBJECT:** WRL COURT ORDER AND IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGY**REFERENCES:** ALL COUNTY LETTER NO: 81-58,82-15,84-15,88-57,88-105, 90-103, ACIN NO: I-53-84, I-78-87, and I-40-88.

On October 31, 1990, the Superior Court for the County of Sacramento approved the final order for the WRL v. Woods Court Case. The prospective portion of this lawsuit was implemented on December 1, 1990 with ACL 90-103. The WRL Order requires that the retroactive portion of the WRL settlement be implemented no later than May 1, 1991.

The purpose of this ACL is to implement the retroactive portion of the WRL Order. WRL class members are those AFDC applicants who applied for an immediate need payment during the retroactive period and were wrongfully denied an immediate need payment and, as a result, had their beginning date of aid delayed. The retroactive period covered by the WRL Court Order is February 4, 1982, through April 21, 1988.

This letter provides Counties with specific instructions and materials necessary for implementation of the retroactive portion of the WRL order. The WRL posters in English and Spanish for display in Food Stamp outlets and County Welfare Departments will be sent to you under a separate cover before April 15, 1991. Translated versions of the Informing/Claim Form (Temp 1785), the Notices of Action (50-019 AT through DT) and the Medi-Cal Informing Notice (Temp 1786) will also be sent to the Counties before April 15, 1991. Attached are the following materials:

- oo A copy of the Draft Emergency Regulations (5/1/91 effective date).o
- oo Reproducible Copies of the Informing/Claim form (Temp 1785).o
- oo Notice of Action message language in English.o
- oo Reproducible Copies of the Notices of Action in English.o
- oo.o Statistical Reporting Forms (Temp 1172).o

The WRL retroactive implementing regulations will be filed on or before April 22, 1991 and WILL have an effective date of no later than May 1, 1991. Counties should use the attached draft regulations to plan and prepare for a May 1, 1991 implementation date of the regulations. Counties will receive an adopted copy of the WRL retroactive regulations approved by the State Office of Administrative Law as soon as they are available.

Fiscal Claiming Instructions

Specific claiming instructions for the retroactive portion of the WRL court case will follow shortly in a separate County Fiscal letter. Retroactive benefits will be claimed in the normal manner as prior month supplemental payments. Separate listings of all payments claimed must be submitted to SDSS. Detailed claiming instructions will follow in the County Fiscal Letter. If there are any questions about fiscal claiming for the WRL court case, please call Ms. Sharan Fleming, Assistance Policy and Claims Unit, at (916) 324-2330.

Statistical Reports

Copies of the WRL retroactive statistical Report forms (Temp 1172) are attached. Counties must submit two reports of retroactive implementation.

The first report WRL v. Woods (A) is due October 15, 1991 and is limited to the number of Informing/Claim forms (Temp 1785) provided and the number of Informing/Claim forms received.

The Second report is due January 15, 1992 and contains the detailed information on the attached form WRL v. Woods (B).

If you have any questions regarding statistical reporting, please call Mr. Levy St. Mary at (916) 445-2158 or (ATSS) 8-485-2135.e

Submission of Informing/Claim form

Claimants must submit an Informing/Claim form for each occurrence of a wrongful denial of an immediate need payment. Failure to timely submit an Informing/Claim form for an occurrence of potential eligibility will result in the loss of eligibility for that instance only.

If you have any questions or need any assistance regarding the retroactive provisions of the WRL Court or the attached materials, please contact Mr. Vincent Toolan at (916) 324-2007 or (ATSS) 8-454-2007.



Robert A. Horel

Deputy Director

Attachments