

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 91-40

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF AFDC PAYMENT LEVELS

REFERENCE: 45 CFR 205.50(a)(4)

It has come to our attention that some counties have sent, or are considering sending, with the warrants to AFDC recipients information concerning the proposal to reduce the AFDC maximum aid payment levels, including information about how a recipient can call the Governor or legislators to let them know what the recipient thinks of the proposed cuts.

Federal law specifically prohibits the sending to AFDC recipients of certain materials. 45 CFR 205.50(a)(4) provides in relevant part that:

All materials sent or distributed to applicants, recipients, or medical vendors, including material enclosed in envelopes containing checks, will be limited to those which are directly related to the administration of the program and will not have political implications.

The Department of Social Services considers notices of the type described above to clearly have political implications and therefore cannot be sent by county welfare departments to AFDC recipients. If you are considering sending any type of informing notice concerning the proposed reductions in the AFDC payment levels, prior review and approval of the Department is required.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lonnie M. Carlson".

FOR  
LONNIE M. CARLSON  
Interim Director