4 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



September 8, 1997

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 97-53

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL

- [] State Law Change
- [] Federal Law Change
- [] Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- [] Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- [X] Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: REPEAL OF FOOD STAMP MANUAL SECTION (M.S.) 63-403 AND USE OF M.S. 63-405 FOR BOTH APPLICANT AND RECIPIENT NON-CITIZEN ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES; ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR NOTICE OF ACTION CHANGES; AND UPDATE OF M.S. 63-300.51(b) AND 63-405

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. (ACL) 97-41, dated July 21, 1997; Manual Sections (M.S.) 63-300.51(b), (b)(1) through (b)(9); 63-403; 63-405.111(d), and (e), 63-405.112(e)(1), .112(e)(2)(A)1., .2, and .3 through .41.

This letter provides County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with information about the revised food stamp regulations for determining the eligibility of non-citizens. It also transmits the forms revisions that All County Letter (ACL) 97-41 indicated would be sent in the near future. The regulation revisions are part of the regulation package that implements Phase II of Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, which you were informed of via ACL 97-41, dated July 21, 1997. Attached to this letter are the Phase II (Attachment 7) regulations, including all the Manual Sections (M.S.) referenced in both ACLs.

Current regulations indicate that Food Stamp M.S. 63-403 is to be applied to noncitizens who were participating in the Food Stamp Program on August 22, 1996, and that Food Stamp M.S. 63-405 is to be applied to non-citizens who are initially applying for food stamps. Effective immediately, CWDs should no longer use M.S. 63-403 since it has been repealed. M.S. 63-405 is to be used to determine the eligibility of all non-citizens, both applicants and recipients. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this All County Letter, please contact the following Food Stamp Program Bureau staff regarding the specific program areas:

- o Implementation of Regulations---Alan Rowe, (916) 653-5208 or CALNET at 463-5208.
- o Food Stamp Notices of Action (NOAs)---Melissa Buchanan at (916) 654-8467 or CALNET at 464-8467.

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