

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-11

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
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS FOR DENIAL OF FOOD STAMP BENEFITS DUE TO UNTIMELY VERIFICATION (ORD #0197-01)

REFERENCE: MANUAL SECTIONS (M.S.) 63-030; 63-301.33, .34, .42, .421, .423, and .441(a)(2); 63-503.13 and .131

This letter provides County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with information regarding regulations which will become effective on May 1, 1998. These regulations are necessary to implement the provisions of a waiver approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service. The waiver allows CWDs to send a denial notice to food stamp applicant households prior to the 30th day of the application processing period if the household has failed to provide requested verification. The effective date of the denial, however, remains the 30th day following the date the application was filed. The regulations are effective for applications dated on or after May 1, 1998. Attachment I describes the major provisions of these regulations.

Also attached is the form DFA 377.1A (12/97), Notice of Denial or Pending Status, which CWDs are to provide to households affected by these regulatory changes.

Camera-Ready Copies and Translations

Counties should call the Forms Management Bureau at (916) 657-1907 or CALNET 437-1907 for camera-ready copies of the DFA 377.1A (12/97) in any language. However, counties that have provided the Language Services Bureau with a county contact and have identified specific languages needed in their county (choices of Spanish, Chinese, Cambodian and Vietnamese) will automatically be sent those languages as soon as the DFA 377.1A (12/97) is translated. The Spanish and Asian language versions are expected to be available at a later date.

NOTE: The Food Stamp Program Bureau provided the Language Services Bureau with a listing of County Food Stamp Coordinators in June 1997. If any changes have occurred since that time, or if your county wishes to advise the Language Services Bureau of the county's specific needs, contact the Language Services Bureau at (916) 657-3429 or CALNET 437-3429.

Stock

The DFA 377.1A (12/97) may be ordered from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) warehouse according to the forms ordering procedure in the County Forms Catalog upon receipt of the Notice of Change Form (GEN 127) which is issued when stock is available.

CDSS Contacts

If you have any questions regarding food stamp forms, contact Donna Morgan at (916) 654-5709. For any questions regarding Asian/Spanish translations, contact Shirley LuKung at (916) 654-1277.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, please contact Alan Rowe of the Food Stamp Program Bureau at (916) 653-5208.



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Attachments