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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-10-87

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) DETERMINATION OF RECIPIENTS' OWN HOME

It has come to our attention that there may be some confusion regarding the definition of a recipient's own home when used in determining eligibility for IHSS.

To be eligible for IHSS an individual must be residing in his and or her own home or an abode of his and or her own choosing wherein such supportive services are to be provided. Per Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 30-753 (w), exclusions from the definition of own home are acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, community care facilities and board and care facilities. Also, a person receiving a Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP) payment for a nonmedical out-of-home living arrangement is not eligible to receive IHSS.

Recently enacted legislation (SB 1564) clarifies in Health and Safety Code Section 1569.145(1) that congregate housing arrangements for the elderly must be licensed when any resident, therein, requires any element of care and supervision or protective supervision. When a living arrangement, typically a congregate living arrangement, appears to need a license, the Community Care Licensing District Office should be contacted. It will then become the licensing office's responsibility to determine whether licensure is needed.

If you have any further questions on this subject, please contact your Adult and Family Services Operations Consultant at (916) 445-0623.

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