

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



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-35-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAXES

This is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that a national audit by the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture found that a significant number of Food Stamp recipients and retailers were unaware of the statutory provision that prohibits firms from charging State or local sales tax on approved items purchased with food stamps. Because of this audit, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has asked that all States, including those not audited, initiate an on-going program to enhance recipient and retailer awareness of the statutory provision. In California, both the State Department of Social Services and the Board of Equalization were so notified.

Because California was not one of the States audited and there is no known compliance problem in this State, the cost of mailing stuffers or the posting of flyers is not justified. However, based on FNS' request and with their concurrence, CWDs are requested to inform clients about this sales tax statutory provision orally or in writing at initial certification and recertification orientations, or in any information packet developed by the county.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Elizabeth Allred at (916) 323-4954 or ATSS 473-4954.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert A. Horel'.

ROBERT A. HOREL  
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA