DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



January 2, 2000

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO: 00-10

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE
UNIT CHIEFS

| REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL |
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| [] State Law Change |
| [X] Federal Law or Regulation |
| Change |
| Ourt Order |
| Clarification Requested by |
| One or More Counties |
| 1 Initiated by CDSS |

SUBJECT: NATIONWIDE PRISONER MATCH (NPM)

The Federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33) signed August 5, 1997, requires states to establish a system that will obtain nationwide prisoner information in order to verify and ensure that any individual detained in a federal, state or local penal, correctional or other detention facility for more than 30 days, does not retain status as an eligible member of any Food Stamp household. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has opted, as allowed by this Act, to use prisoner information collected by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for this purpose. This match uses the SSA Prisoner Update Program System (PUPS) database to match against Food Stamp and CalWORKs recipients to determine if any prisoners are currently receiving assistance. The match criteria for the NPM is the Social Security Number (SSN) which has been verified for the inmate by PUPS. The Department of Health Services (DHS) has also developed an applicant match for the NPM. This match returns data for Medi-Cal applicants as well as those for the Food Stamp and CalWORKs programs.

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the abstracts which are a result of the initial recipient match process and provide an explanation of some of the data elements. The basic guideline for the NPM is that the information is only an indicator of possible ineligibility. The NPM recipient data will be sent to the Special Investigative Units (SIUs) which must verify the abstract information with the facility reporting the incarceration before any action is taken. The NPM applicant matches are reported on the Income and Eligibility Verification System applicant abstracts and cannot be sent directly to the SIUs. Therefore, it will be up to the individual counties to determine who will verify this data. The recipient rosters should be retained to indicate cases having an action taken. This information will be used to evaluate the

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cost effectiveness of the match during the county's "Income and Eligibility Verification System Review" conducted by staff from the CDSS Fraud Bureau.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or enclosures, please contact Maureen Paizs of the CDSS Fraud Bureau at (916) 263-5715.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By Bruce Wagstaff on 1/2/00

BRUCE WAGSTAFF Deputy Director Welfare To Work Division

Enclosures

c: CWDA CSAC

NATIONWIDE PRISONER MATCH DATA DESCRIPTION

The applicant and recipient abstracts and recipient rosters are being printed by order of status code with "2" being printed first followed by "1"s and "4"s. The status code "2" contains the complete matched information from both the SSA prisoner file and the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) file while those with a status code of "1" or "4" only contain the MEDS data. SSA will not return any matched data for status codes "1" or "4." The "1"s and "4"s are only an indication that there is a match between the applicant's/recipient's and inmate's SSN. An explanation of these status codes appears on the samples enclosed. While the recipient process will show up to twelve match occurrences for one individual, the applicant process will only print one occurrence. If there are no type "2" matches but there is a type "1" or type "4," the appropriate message will be returned on the applicant abstract. The applicant process will print a match if the client is still incarcerated or has been released within 90 days of the current date. The recipient process will print matches for incarcerations within the past 13 months.

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> STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM ABSTRACT

APP-DATE: 02/22/99"""""""""EW:CASE NAME: COUNTY: 01 DISTRICT:

> SERIAL NUMBER: 040197A FBU:

NAME E E F S S V S E DATE OF D T S N E R FIRST SSN LAST X BIRTH S D B A PRISONER JOHN M M 04/23/74 | 606-66-8398 Χ

DATE OF REVIEW_____ WORKER NAME/#___ IF NO DISCREPANCIES, CHECK THIS BOX FILE IN CASE

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> STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM ABSTRACT

COUNTY: 01 DISTRICT: EW:

SSN: 606-66-8398 SEGMENT 01 COUNTY-ID: 01- -040197A- -

********************************** PRISONER REPORT ***********************

PUPS SSN: 606-66-8398 REPORT DATE: 01/31/1999

STATUS CODE: DATA PRESENT STATE CODE: _____

JOHN MICHAEL PRISONER SUFFIX: JR

DOB: 04-23-1974 SEX: M

PRISONER ID NO: 9999999999

CONFINEMENT DATE: 11-23-1996 RELEASE DATE: 02-17-2001

FACILITY TYPE: STATE PRISON FACILITY CONTACT: MARY JONES FACILITY TELEPHONE: (203) 444-4444

FACILITY FAX: (203) 444-1111

FACILITY/PRISON NAME: AVENAL STATE PRISON

FACILITY/PRISON ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 8

#1 KINGS WAY

AVENAL, CA 93204

"RECIPIENT"

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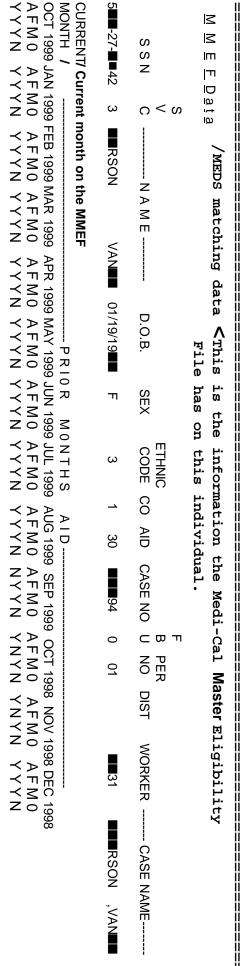
COUNTY:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROGRAM NPM1030P ABSTRACT FOR AFDC/FS

EACILITY DATA [Data from the SSA Prisoner file]

| d release | place. It is not a planned release date. | date. | | | | | TON COUNTY JAIL | PRISONER REPORTER NAME: DENTON COUNTY JAIL | PRISONER RE |
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| e a indicates ady taken | There may or may not be a release date. This date indicates that the release has already taken | There may o release date that the rele | |) X | FAX 000-000-0000 | PHONE 940-898-5700 | NAME | CONTACT NAME BETTY CHANCELLOR | ZIP 76201-0000 |
| | STATE | CITY DENTON | | ADDRESS OW LANE | ADDRES 124 N WOODROW LANE | | NAME DENTON COUNTY JAIL | FACILITY TYPE / DESCRIPTION 02 - COUNTY PRISON | FACILITY TYPE / DESI 02 - COUNTY PRISON |
| DATE 07/31/199 | DATE 00/00/0000 | DATE 07/27/1999 | ID# 810■■ | F SEX | D. 0 .B. 01/19/19■■ | S S N ■ -27-■42 | | VAN∎ ■ | ■ RSON |
| REPORT | RELEASE | CONFINEMENT | PRISONER | | | PUPS | | PRISONER NAME | |
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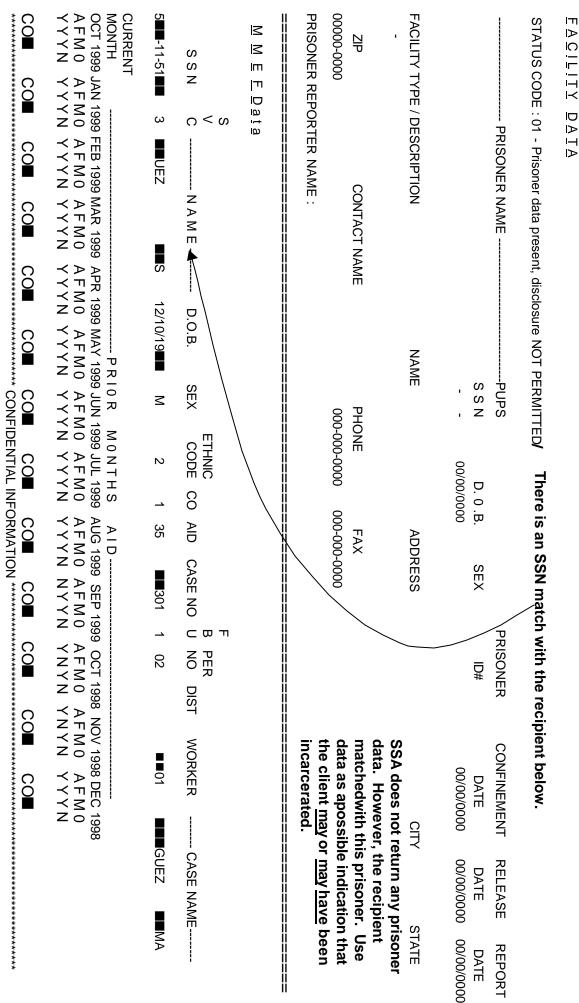
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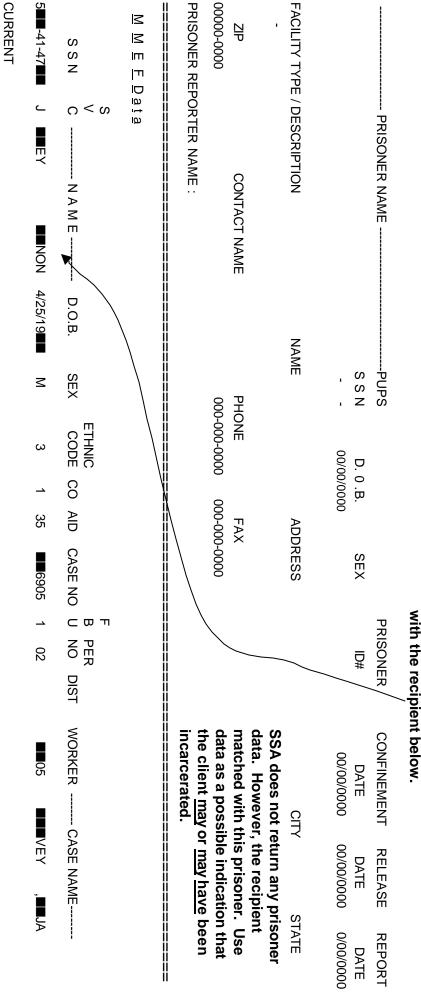
COUNTY:

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PROGRAM NPM1030P ABSTRACT FOR AFDC/FS

EACILITY DATA

STATUS CODE: 04 - Prisoner data present, but it CANNOT BE DETERMINED, whether disclosure is permitted/ There is an SSN match



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