DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 324-0097 April II, 1985

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 85-41

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AFDC RETROACTIVE COURT ORDER, COLLINS V. WOOD

REFERENCE: EAS 44-350.11: ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 84-93, DATED AUGUST 28, 1984

on February 11, 1985, the Humboldt County Superior Court issued a final judgment and writ of mandate in the case of <u>Collins v. Woods</u> (No. 70709). A copy of the Peremptory Writ of Mandate and Permanent Injunction is attached (Attachment A).

This lawsuit applies to all AFDC recipients who had a nonwillful overpayment occur prior to April 2, 1982, and who had it recouped after August 31, 1982. You are hereby instructed to comply with this Writ. Counties are to issue a copy of the attached notice/claim form (Attachment C) to all current recipients, post the attached Collins posters in welfare office waiting rooms (Attachment D), determine if those recipients returning the notice/claim form are class members, provide a refund to eligible class members, provide the appropriate notice of action (Attachment E) to all persons submitting a notice/claim form, and submit the attached statistical report (Attachment F) to the State Department of Social Services (SDSS).

Specific detailed implementing instructions for complying with the $\underline{\text{Collins}}$ order are attached (Attachment B). Counties must also return the attached county certification to provide verification to the Department that you are applying the $\underline{\text{Collins}}$ order (Attachment G).

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Layne, AFDC Program Development Bureau at (916) 324-0097.

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Attachments