

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



July 11, 1994

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 94-58.

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: INFORMING REQUIREMENTS FOR A ROLLBACK IN AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC), REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA) AND ENTRANT CASH ASSISTANCE (ECA) GRANT LEVELS AND PREGNANCY SPECIAL NEEDS DECREASE

HANDBOOK: THIS LETTER CONTAINS INFORMATION UPDATING THE AFDC NOTICE OF ACTION HANDBOOK

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the State budget passed with a Cash Aid Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) rollback. A 2.3 percent reduction will be implemented effective September 1, 1994. For purposes of this letter, Cash Aid means the AFDC, RCA and ECA programs. Attachment 1 provides the AFDC Payment Standards table to assist you in implementing the changes.

The State budget also includes a decrease in the pregnancy special needs amount. Effective September 1, 1994, the pregnancy special needs amount will be \$47.

Food Stamps

Information on the Food Stamp benefit adjustments which result from the reduction in Cash Aid MAP levels shall be handled as a mass change as specified in MPP 63-504.392. The mass notice (Attachment 2) contains the Food Stamp information necessary to inform recipients of benefit changes. Individual Notices of Change (DFA 377.4) are not required.

General Mass Informing Notice

In order to mitigate the impact on you and the Cash Aid population, we have developed a mass informing notice (Attachment 2) to give advance warning of the MAP decrease. This stuffer shall be used to alert Cash Aid recipients of the MAP reduction to enable them to both plan ahead and address their questions to the State. The notice has the State's toll-free number which is now available. Please note that when calling this number, recipients will hear a four-minute tape recorded message in English and Spanish regarding the MAP decrease. Based on last year's rollback experience, this should reduce your workload associated with inquiries about the reduction. The stuffer can be sent with the warrants, CA 7s, NOAs or by separate mailing. The usefulness of the stuffer will be diminished if it does not precede the actual NOA which reduces the Cash Aid.

AFDC NOAs

Attachment 3 contains four NOAs; two with implementing instructions for the MAP rollback, and two with instructions to implement the decrease in the pregnancy special needs amount. Only the English and Spanish versions are attached. The Language Services Bureau will send camera-ready copies of the TEMP NA 3 and the NOAs to the County Forms Coordinators under separate cover in the four Indo-Chinese languages: Cambodian, Chinese, Lao and Vietnamese.

Assistance Payments Demonstration Project (APDP)
California Work Pays Demonstration Project (CWPDP)
Research Counties (Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Alameda, San Joaquin)

Cases assigned to experimental status will be subject to the 2.3 percent reduction. Cases in control status will not be subject to the reduction. It is recommended that the TEMP NA 3 not be sent to cases in control status. However, if this is not possible, the County may add the following language to the notice: "If you are a member of the control group of the Assistance Payments Demonstration Project (now called the California Work Pays Demonstration Project), these changes don't apply to you."

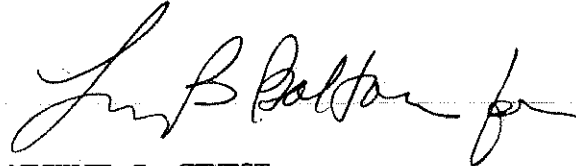
All cases will be subject to the decrease in the pregnancy special needs amount.

Contacts

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the following staff:

MAP Rollback: Alison Garcia (916) 654-0989, CALNET 464-0989.
Food Stamps: Suzanne McNamee (916) 657-3815, CALNET 437-3815.
Pregnancy Special Needs: Henry Puga (916) 654-1068, CALNET 464-1068
APDP/CWPDP: Leslie Raderman (916) 657-2357, CALNET 437-2357
Mass Informing Notice: Cecelia Brown-Jackson (916) 654-1801, CALNET 464-1803.
AFDC NOAs: John Honeycutt (916) 654-1077, CALNET 464-1077.
Translations: Shirley Lukung (916) 654-1277, CALNET 464-1286.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL C. GENEST
Deputy Director
Welfare Programs Division

Attachment