

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 96 -46

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: APPLICATION FOR CASH AID, FOOD STAMPS AND
MEDI-CAL/STATE CMSP (SAWS 1)

This letter transmits a copy of a revised Application for Cash Aid, Food Stamps, and Medi-Cal/State-Run County Medical Services Program (State CMSP). The SAWS 1 and SAWS 1 Coversheet (10/96) form is revised to reflect program changes in effect after September 30, 1996. Therefore, the SAWS 1 (4/94) will become obsolete on October 1, 1996.

The form has been modified in accordance with a recent court decision in the Medi-Cal program. The SAWS 1 is also revised to incorporate in the certification section the Food Stamp applicant's acknowledgement of the county's expedited service oral informing requirement. This revision tracks and facilitates increased compliance with the oral informing requirement specified in Food Stamp Manual Section 63-301.521. Other SAWS 1 changes include updating program information, simplifying text, and reformatting sections to improve understanding. An attachment to this letter outlines the specific changes to the form and the coversheet.

CAMERA-READY COPIES AND TRANSLATIONS

The camera-ready Spanish language version (SAWS 1 SP) is expected to be available within 30 days and the Asian translations within 60 days. Counties that need camera-ready copies of the SAWS 1 and/or SAWS 1 (SP) may call the Forms Management Unit at (916) 657-1907 or CALNET 437-1907. For camera-ready copies of the Asian language (Chinese, Cambodian, and Vietnamese) versions, counties may either call the Language Services Bureau at (916) 464-1282 or FAX their requests to (916) 657-3429 or CALNET at 473-3429.

STOCK

The SAWS 1 (10/96) may not be used prior to 10/1/96. A three-month supply of 10/96 stock is expected to be available in the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Warehouse by the middle of September. Counties are asked to limit their initial orders of state or locally reproduced stock as the SAWS 1 may be revised again in the next few months to incorporate upcoming Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Food Stamp, and Medi-Cal Program needs. Counties ordering state-produced stock should submit orders by September 9, 1996, so that the warehouse can release stock in time to meet the 10/1/96 implementation date. Stock of the SAWS 1 (SP) may be ordered from the CDSS Warehouse upon your receipt of the Notice of Change Form (GEN 127) that is issued when stock is available.

SAWS 2 AND SAWS 2A

The SAWS 2, Statement of Facts for Cash Aid, Food Stamps, and Medi-Cal/ State CMSP, and the SAWS 2A, Rights and Responsibilities and Other Important Information, are also being revised to replace outdated Medi-Cal text and incorporate new AFDC and Food Stamp requirements; e.g., motor voter and maximum family grant information. The forms will be released under separate cover when available.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the following staff regarding the specific program areas:

- o AFDC and the SAWS 1: Elizabeth Allred (916) 657-3350/ CALNET 437-3350;
- o Food Stamp Program: Melissa Buchanan at (916) 654-8467/CALNET 464-8467;
- o Asian/Spanish translations: Shirley LuKung at (916) 654-1277/CALNET 464-1277;
- o Medi-Cal: John Zapata, Department of Health Services, at (916) 657-0725/CALNET 437-0725.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

c: CWDA
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