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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-92-08

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL SPECIALISTS

SUBJECT: INDIGENT SPONSORED NONCITIZEN REPORTING

REFERENCES: FEDERAL REGISTER VOLUME 65, NUMBER 225, NOVEMBER 21, 2000; MANUAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTION 63-503.492(d)(1)(C); ALL COUNTY LETTER 02-17; ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-23-03

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

The purpose of this notice is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of a change in address for sending referrals of indigent sponsored noncitizens. Final rules published by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) on November 21, 2000, at 7 CFR 273.4(c)(3)(iv), clarified that a sponsored noncitizen is considered "indigent" if the sum of the sponsored noncitizen's household's own income and any cash or in-kind assistance provided by the sponsor or others is less than 130 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). In such cases, the CWDs were directed to refer the sponsor and the sponsored noncitizen to the General Attorney. Also, please refer to Manual of Policies and Procedures section 63-503.492(d)(1)(C), which mirrors the federal regulation.

When the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) became the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), some of the functions were transferred from the Department of Justice to Homeland Security. One change was the address for indigent referrals. Therefore, CWDs are now directed to send referrals to:

Ms. Lisa Roney
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Office of Policy and Planning, Room 4010
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20529-0001

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If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact Sharon Campbell, Food Stamp Program, Policy Implementation Unit at sharon.campbell@dss.ca.gov or you may call (916) 654-0737.

Sincerely,

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