

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-11-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC LAW 100-77, THE STEWART B. MCKINNEY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT
(FOOD STAMPS)

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-160 DATED DECEMBER 18, 1987

This notice provides County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with information on additional provisions of Public Law 100-77, the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, which impact the Food Stamp Program but do not require county action. Much of this information has been previously shared with counties. However, there is updated information regarding the federal option allowing informational activities directed toward homeless individuals.

ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

- o Beginning with the 1988 update, the annual inflation adjustment made to the food stamp income eligibility standards will be effective each October 1 rather than July 1. The July 1, 1987 tables will remain in effect until October 1, 1988.

ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE STANDARD DEDUCTION

- o Beginning October 1, 1987, and each October 1 thereafter, the standard deduction shall be adjusted to reflect change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for items other than food for the twelve month period ending the preceding June 30. Currently, the standard deduction, which is subtracted from the monthly household income, is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the CPI-U for items other than food, homeowners' costs, and maintenance and repair components of housing costs.

EXCESS SHELTER EXPENSE DEDUCTION

- o Beginning October 1, 1988, and each October 1 thereafter, the maximum limit for the excess shelter expense deduction shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the shelter (including homeowners' costs and maintenance and repair costs in addition to renters costs), fuel, and utilities components of housing costs in the CPI-U for the twelve months ending the preceding June 30. Currently, the excess shelter expense

deduction is adjusted based on changes in the shelter [not including homeownership (homeowners' costs) and maintenance and repair components of shelter costs], fuel and utilities components of housing costs in the CPI-U.

PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR THE HOMELESS

- o This provision allows the option of providing program informational activities directed toward homeless individuals. The State has opted to develop a poster designed specifically to the needs of the homeless population. The State will distribute three posters to each of the shelters for the homeless as identified in "The California Homeless Shelter Provider Directory". The anticipated release date is July 1988. CWDs will have the opportunity to request posters for their own community use. Additional information will be provided in an All County Information Notice to be sent at a later date.

If you have any questions, please call the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 322-5330.


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